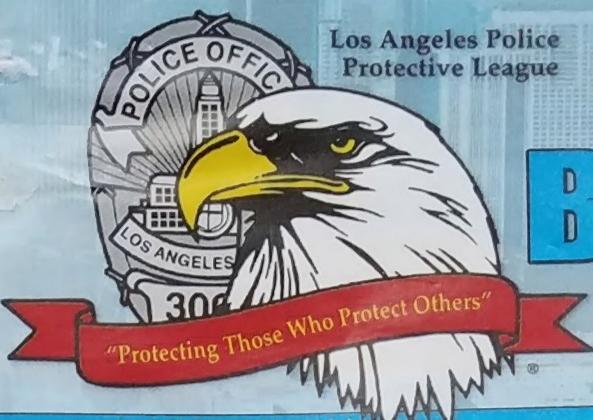


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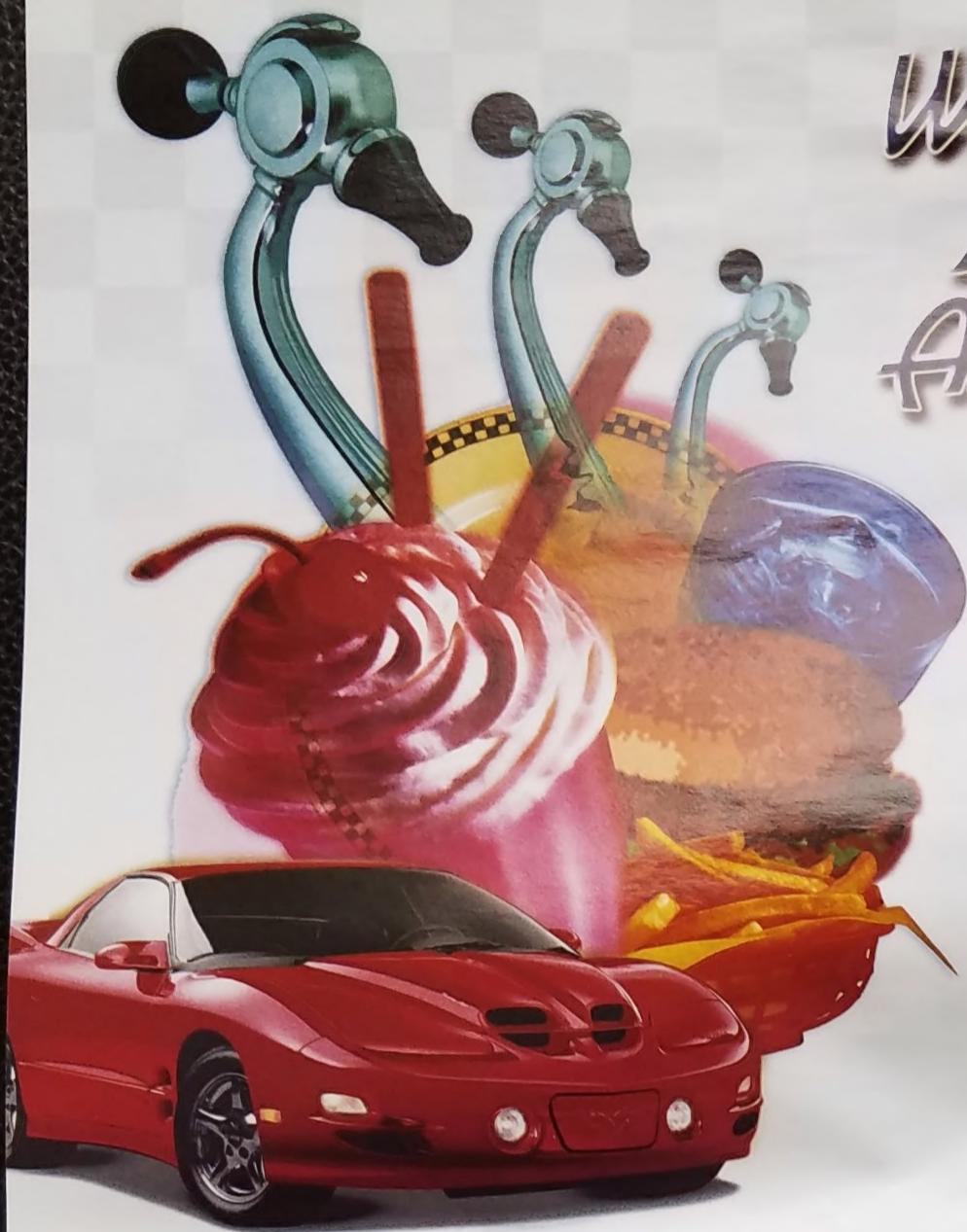
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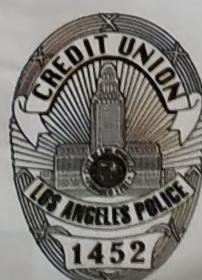
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The Governor's Next Target: Your Pension

Detective BOB BAKER, President



Gang violence, terrorist threats, officer-targeted attacks and Governor Schwarzenegger. Who would guess that in 2005, one of the greatest threats to the long-term stability of law enforcement in California would be our own governor?

While it is not well known, one of the most immediate dangers facing our officers is Governor Schwarzenegger's attempt to overhaul the pension system for all public employees. His actions are sending the message to all public employees – and especially the public safety community – that our years of dedication to the people of our state are not worth fair and equal benefits. This is an issue we and our families cannot afford to take lightly.

Specifically, if the plan the governor supports moves forward, it would terminate disability and casualty benefits for law enforcement, leaving public safety employees vulnerable both financially and emotionally.

Many people have asked what effect the governor's plan will have on public safety.

Currently, the family of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty gets a survivor benefit from the pension system. Under Governor Schwarzenegger's plan, all the family would receive is a funeral. Whatever money the officer or firefighter managed to save in his or her 401(k) plan would be all their family was left to live on, since there would be no survivor benefits.

Disabled officers would fare no better. Schwarzenegger's plan would eliminate disability retirements. Instead, like the slain officer's family, an officer disabled on the job would receive only the money he had saved in his 401(k) plan. It makes no difference how severely he's injured or the extent of professional care or rehabilitation he needs – he and his family will be forced to get by on his 401(k).

So for all the sacrifices the officer made to protect his or her community and, by extension, this state – including the ultimate sacrifice of death or serious injury in the line of duty – the family is left with nothing to sustain them. Imagine the uproar that would occur in our nation if a proposal such as this were put forth for the

families of military personnel killed in the line of duty – they are similarly provided for as we are now, with a pension benefit provided to the surviving family members.

Frankly, during the next few months, it may not be enough for only the League to speak out on this issue. To be most effective in blocking this change, all public safety officers need to voice their concerns about this pension proposal. Not only will a change such as this dampen the long-term morale of our state's public safety officers, but it will also have a terrible impact on recruitment initiatives for agencies statewide.

The governor recently said, "We need a public pension system that is fair to employees and to taxpayers." He must still be looking for a system that strikes this balance, because his proposal sure won't fit the bill.

Reports indicate that Schwarzenegger's proposed pension changes are part of a state budget that would shave half a billion dollars from the state's contribution to pension funds for teachers and other public employees. Yet, the plan could actually have the reverse effect. Providing disability insurance and life insurance to law enforcement officers in the new 401(k) world could very easily cost as much or more than funding their pensions. Public employees who are disabled and forced to leave the work force could even end up on public assistance, like anyone else whose investment returns are weak.

Unfortunately, the egregious pension proposal that is likely to be put before voters in the form of a ballot initiative isn't the only issue facing us. We know that in order to retain and attract qualified officers, their rights must be protected and supported by management. Recently, the LAPPL and LAPD management met for a two-day joint strategy session, with the goal of ensuring that our officers are prepared, engaged and supported in doing their jobs.

Our agenda touched on many important issues (i.e., "benching officers" and "administrative transfers"), and concerns that officers have brought to the attention of the Board. Senior management appears

committed to proactively addressing the numerous issues we discussed. In addition to encouraging officers to speak out against Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed pension changes, we will also aggressively encourage LAPD management to join us in opposing the governor's proposal – this will be helpful in obtaining public opposition to the pension plan. Our police officers need to know that when we "protect and serve," our management and government also have our backs. Our officers cannot be afraid to act, or the City of Los Angeles will be the true victim, thanks to a depleted and unmotivated workforce.

We are a truly great police department and I am proud to be one of our voices speaking out about important issues. We are now facing a challenge that is greater

than a criminal threat – it is an aggressive attack on the integrity of our profession. This is a battle we cannot lose. In recent years, we have won many fights and made much progress in creating an LAPD that represents dignity, sacrifice and hard work, and we cannot allow ourselves to regress.

I urge you to stand with us as we continue to oppose the Governor's flagrant pension attack. Please discuss the importance of this issue with our fellow colleagues, public servants, friends, family and voters. This proposal could be on our ballot in a few short months and we cannot allow this plan to gain any momentum.

In the coming weeks and months, we will continue to update you on our ongoing efforts to combat the pension initiative and what you can do to help us defeat this proposal. ♦

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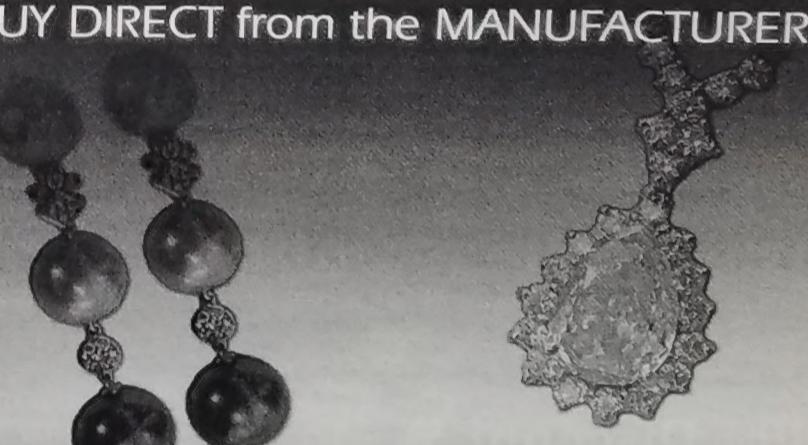
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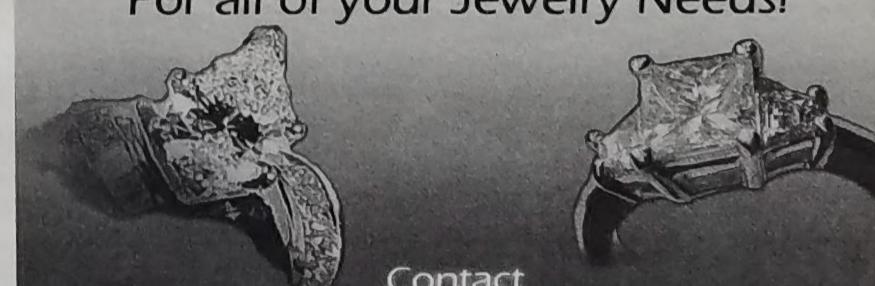
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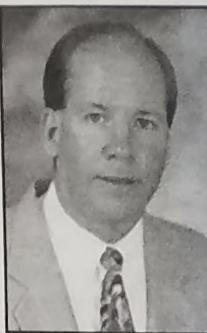
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This month I am bringing to you, the members, an informative article by Robert Sherwin of the law firm of Lewis, Marenstein, Wicke & Sherwin. This addresses some of the effects of the new state workers' comp reform bill and its far-reaching implications for injured officers. I will be updating you with further information on this widespread reform on a regular basis, and as this program continues to develop.

Work Comp Reform: It Only Gets Worse

by Robert J. Sherwin

Since the passage of the governor's workers' compensation reform bill in April, 2004, my office has been deluged with phone calls, letters and e-mails from past and present clients, asking how they will be affected by the new laws, particularly those dealing with medical treatment. Because the bill is so onerous to the rights of injured workers, several court challenges have been mounted and are pending as you read this article. Consequently, in many respects, it is unknown how the laws will apply to injured workers. We do know that employers and insurance carriers are applying the law in the most restrictive way possible to reduce the scope and extent of medical treatment. Until the dust settles, here are some of the most frequently asked questions and our best educated answers.

Question: I was injured two years ago and I have been treating regularly with a chiropractor since the injury. Recently, the claims adjuster notified my doctor that no further treatment will be authorized. When I challenged the adjuster, she told me that a doctor had reviewed my doctor's request and decided the treatment wasn't warranted. Can they do this without actually examining me?

Answer: Yes! The new law states that in almost all cases, the law is to be applied retroactively to all dates of injuries. This

means that regardless of the date of injury, the new law applies to you on the extent of medical care. As past articles have stated, all medical treatment is now subject to "utilization review," meaning the employer hires a private company that reviews the recommendations of your doctor and either authorizes or denies the medical treatment according to guidelines adopted by the administrative director of the workers' compensation appeals board. The administrative director is a political appointment of the governor. The guidelines currently being used for review of orthopedic treatment are those established by the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) and are very restrictive and limiting as to what treatment is appropriate. They do not approve of chiropractic or acupuncture treatment. It is rumored that these guidelines will be replaced in part with those established by the North American Spine Institute, which are more liberal for neck and back conditions. The utilization review process is applicable to any request for medical treatment, regardless of the date of injury.

Question: I have an award from the workers' compensation appeals board for lifetime medical care, granted in 1990. I've been treating off and on with an orthopedist who periodically prescribes physical therapy and medication. Now the adjuster is telling me my treatment will be stopped because of the so-called ACOEM guidelines. When I settled my case, I assumed and my attorney assured me I was getting "lifetime medical care." This doesn't seem fair! Can they stop treatment that was awarded by a judge?

Answer: Probably. While it clearly is unjust to alter your prior settlement, the new law applies retroactively and is being applied so by employers regardless of the date of injury or if an award exists. While you are still entitled to all medical treatment that is "reasonable and necessary" to cure and relieve yourself from the effects of

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When officers have about two years on the job they think they know everything. It's hard for them to imagine that LAPD and police work were able to advance as far as it had without them.

At ten years, it's still hard to imagine that anyone could teach us anything because now, we really know we know it all. It was about that 10-year period in my career that I was assigned to work with Ramon Dominguez. I knew it all, well, not everything, but what I didn't know, wasn't worth knowing, until I met Ray.

Ray Dominguez was a twenty-year, PIII+1 working Follow Up at CTD Detectives. He bore a striking resemblance to the Russian President Mikhail Gorbachev. I never considered that this mild-mannered old timer could teach me anything.

During the next ten years, as we worked together on an as-needed basis, special detail, I learned more about not just police work but the art of human relations. Ray was a master at taking some of the most explosive situations anyone could imagine and bringing them back to civility. He constantly resolved situations without violence and injury. He had that gift of being able to talk anyone into going to jail.

Ray's masterful policing techniques and his ability to use human behavioral

skills gave me an entire new set of policing skills.

Recently, Ray passed away, but his memory lives on in the form of every police officer who understands the importance of treating people with dignity and respect.

Changing Pensions

The next topic I want to talk about is the move in California to change public employee pensions. These changes will affect your pension.

There are a few programs and laws which we assume are etched in concrete. Our pensions, our future, is one of those programs we believe to be as solid as concrete.

Most of us don't know too much about our pensions and how the system works. But we have always been sure that our pension would be solid and dependable when we retire. So what is the stuff about changing pensions?

What are the Proposed Pension Changes All About?

There are four statewide proposed Initiatives at this time to change public employee pensions. The titles of the four proposals are: 1) The Fair and Fiscally Responsible Public Employee Retirement Act; 2) The Retirement Security Budget Accountability Taxpayer Protection Act;

3) The Portable Retirement Security Act of 2005 (originally titled, The California Secure Retirement Portability Act of 2005); and, 4) The California Public Employee Pension Reform Act.

The Fair and Fiscally Responsible Public Employee Retirement Act is an Initiative and has gathered the most support. It is sponsored by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and Assemblyman Keith Richman (R-Northridge). It will significantly change our pension system.

An Initiative is also called a Proposition, which is a proposed change to the Constitution of California. When we vote on an Initiative, we are voting whether or not to change the Constitution.

State and local governments face severe budget shortages. The Jarvis Tax people claim that a large part of the reason is our pensions. Absent a fiscal catastrophe in the city of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension does not cost taxpayers and in no way can it be considered at this time to be a cause for state and/or local budget shortages.

The Jarvis-Richman Initiative pension proposal will replace Defined Benefit pensions with Defined Contribution pensions.

What is a Defined Benefit Plan?

A **Defined Benefit** pension system is one where the benefit is "determined (defined) by a formula based on "how old you are when you retire (age), how long you have worked in the pension system (service credit) and how much money you made when you retired (final salary)." Under a Defined Benefit plan you know how much you are going to get each month when you retire. The Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension System is a Defined Benefit system.

What is a Defined Contribution Plan?

A **Defined Contribution** pension system is one where the retiree gets a combination of what he/she puts into the system (**contribution**) plus what the city puts into the system, if anything (**contribution**) plus net investment earnings minus administrative costs. This is similar to a 401(k) plan. Under a **Defined Contribution** plan you have no idea how much money you are going to have when you retire. You may have no stability in retirement, you couldn't plan for your future with any degree of certainty.

Years ago, our predecessors developed a pension system that is very good and most of us are going to enjoy it one day. We should be very grateful to them for what they did for us.

When you came on the job, you probably did not think about how important your pension was. But as time went on and you got to a point, usually about five years on the job, you started looking around to see if the grass was greener on the other side. One of the major considerations in your thinking process was keeping your pension.

Will changes in the pension system save money?

There is a great deal of evidence that this new proposal will directly and immediately cost more money, and that the unintended consequences of the new proposal will have significant, immediate increased costs.

Assemblyman Richman and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association who sponsor one of the initiatives admit that there will be no cost savings for at least 20-25 years.

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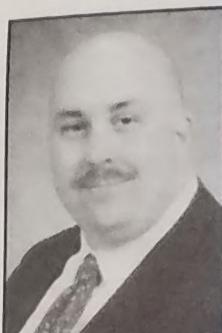
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Pension Issue

This month's *Thin Blue Line* includes several articles about the proposed changes in the law for public pensions. In short, they would eliminate all public pensions in California for new hires after July 2007. This will be a very critical issue for this organization because of the severe damage it will do both intended and unintended. Please read Bob Baker's article on page 3, and the Editorial Section on pages 34-35, for additional information.

Your Personnel File in Federal Court

This past year other Directors and I dealt with several officers who were advised that a Pitchess motion had been made by a defense attorney in state court for access to their LAPD personnel file. This motion is required under California Evidence Code section 1043(a) and must contain the following:

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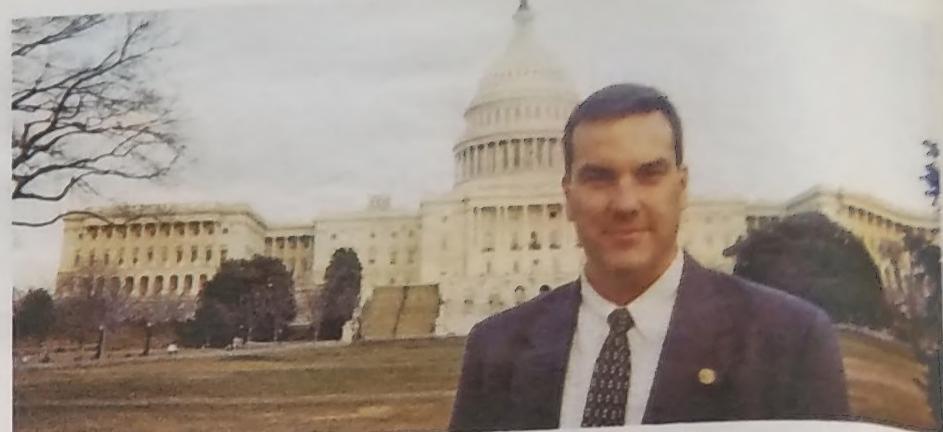
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After discussing this with city attorneys, our attorneys and other interested parties, it was apparent there was a complete absence of similar protection in federal court. After some additional research, I approached the Board of Directors for approval to pursue federal legislation adding these protections. The Board agreed and I contacted NAPO (our Washington, D.C.-based national affiliate) Executive Director Bill Johnson, with our proposal. He immediately understood the importance of this issue and agreed to work with us to get this in Congress and signed into law by President Bush.

We have forwarded the research we had to Bill Johnson and they have started the long process to get this idea made into law. I will keep you updated on this issue.

Yearly Review

Unfortunately we often deal with diffi-



Bill Johnson, Executive Director, NAPO

cult incidents concerning members that could have been avoided. An example is when a member dies and the League life insurance policy goes to a person a member forgot to remove, like an ex-wife or ex-husband. Another one is when the member discovers after the promotional oral that items were in their personnel package that should not be there. You cannot un-ring the bell.

Every year on or about your birthday (or hiring date) or as events may prompt you — such as the birth of a child, divorce, or promotional exams — take a moment to review at least the following:

- Will and Trust
- Personnel Package
- Insurance policies (League, Police Relief, personal)
- Financial (deferred comp, IRA, bank, savings)

On page 23 under FYI we have reprinted an article by attorney Gary Ingemunson on the importance of wills, trusts, and power of attorneys. If after reading this you want to look into estate planning, please contact our legal department at (213) 251-4575 for a referral to a panel attorney.

Support the National Law Enforcement Officers' Rights Center

Founded by the National Association of Police Organizations, Inc. (NAPO), the National Law Enforcement Officers' Rights Center stands squarely behind the law enforcement officers of America in their fight for equal justice. But the center needs your support to provide the legal and educational back-up that cops need and deserve. Here are a few examples of how the Rights Center has assisted officers, their families, and their representatives and attorneys:

Alabama: Billy Joe Thrower, a Madison County, Alabama, Deputy Sheriff was shot

in the chest and his partner was killed. Though wounded, Thrower was able to return fire, killing the assailant. Thrower never fully recovered, and died about one year later. The U.S. Department of Justice denied the family their federal statutory death benefit claiming that Thrower's death was not directly related to the shooting. The Rights Center was able to prove with the deposition of a leading medical witness that Thrower's death was, indeed, directly related to the shooting. Based on the Rights Center's evidence, the DOJ reversed their original opinion and awarded the federal death benefit to the family.

Illinois: Officer Mary Lou Redmond had been forced to shoot and kill a knife-wielding man who was chasing and appeared to be close to stabbing another person. Officer Redmond, very traumatized by the incident, sought professional counseling. Later, a lawsuit was filed by the family of the knife-wielding man alleging the officer had been wrong to shoot. The trial judge granted an order requiring the counselor to turn over the notes and tapes of the counseling sessions.

The counselor refused, stating that they were privileged under Illinois law. The case went to the U.S. Supreme Court, where the Rights Center filed amicus curiae briefs calling for the confidentiality of counseling sessions. The Supreme Court agreed, and ruled that from now on, all such records are privileged. This case affects not only police officers, but also all people seeking counseling.

Maryland: The State of Maryland's Attorney General's Office requested that the Rights Center appear in the U.S. Supreme Court as an amicus curiae in the case of *Maryland v. Wilson*. In 1994, Maryland Trooper David Hughes stopped a vehicle for speeding and noticed that the passenger (Wilson) was extremely nervous

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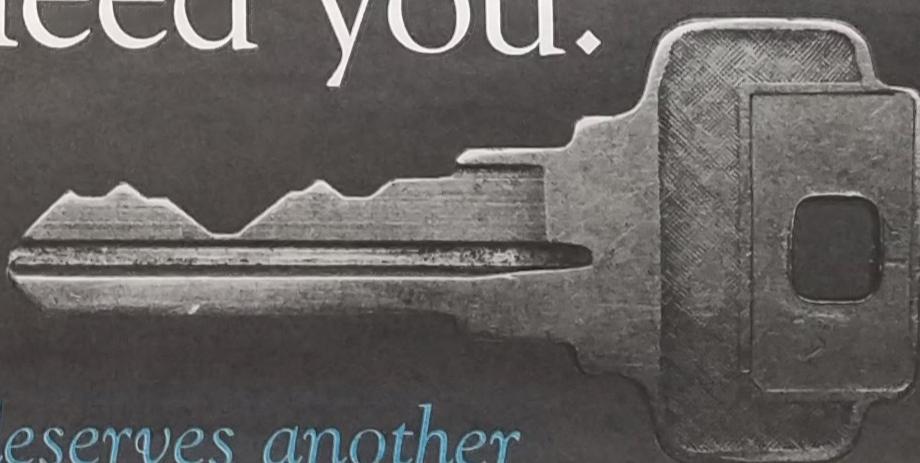
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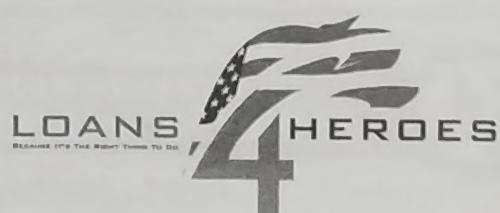


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Since 2003, Los Angeles has seen a 31% decrease in violent crime and 23.2% decrease in property crime. A significant amount of the credit goes to the increased cooperation between the LAPPL and the LAPD. Unlike previous administrations, the current LAPD management team is making a genuine effort to address problems quickly and proactively. As Bob Baker makes clear in his article, while we will not always agree with Chief Bratton, we are confident that he and the Command Staff are listening to our views and working with us to achieve our shared goal: to keep LA streets safe.

We are not, however, resting on our laurels. While LAPD management remains open to new ideas, we still need to work with the Department to ensure that top management has a clear and ongoing understanding of rank-and-file needs. Being open and understanding of officers'

concerns clearly results in higher retention, easier recruitment and officers who have confidence that the Department is watching their backs.

We will continue to work on issues important to you — flexible work schedules, use of force, and other administrative concerns.

Futile Attempts to Fix the Budget at Our Expense

Day in and day out, 365 days a year, LAPD men and women devote their lives to keeping our community and neighborhoods safe. Our governor's way of saying "thank you" is his plan to abolish police officer pensions in order to compensate for a troubled California budget ruined by years of frivolous spending.

The governor's plan amounts to a legislative slap in the face to the brave men and women who patrol our streets every day. Police departments are already burdened with police officer shortages, crime, and budget cuts; we simply cannot carry the burden of a flailing budget. The budget mess was not caused by law enforcement and we simply cannot be called on to pay the price for the governor's thoughtless plan.

Attracting and retaining qualified, high quality police officers has become an increasingly difficult task. As you all are well aware, the Department is engaged in an aggressive recruiting campaign to attract qualified officers, and now the governor proposal puts a huge obstacle in our path. Now we have to say to qualified applicants that their potential employer is not willing to provide for their family in the event they are injured or hurt in the line of duty. The governor is asking the

state to turn its back on the people who are the backbone of California's public safety forces.

We are proud to be in a profession where uncommon valor is common. We will not allow the governor to undermine law enforcement with his irresponsible approach to budget cutting. The League will call on all police officers — from new recruits to chiefs of police — to actively oppose this irresponsible plan to cut pensions/benefits to law enforcement.

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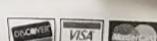
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Lack of Communication Causes Ripple Effect

Police Officer CORINA LEE, Director



Rumor has it that in 1997, USC's head football coach, John Robinson, was fired after a lackluster 6-5 season via a message left on his answering machine — sort of a "hey, by the way, you're fired" scenario.

As it stands right now, many of our officers are experiencing this same kind of situation when it comes to administrative transfers. With little or no communication from their commanding officers, some members of the LAPD are getting the call to go, when a transfer was not on their agendas. Some are transferred without a clear reason for this move, and many others are being shipped off to divisions where they have no desire to go.

The LAPPL Board of Directors realizes that administrative transfers are a management prerogative and are oftentimes necessary for the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department and for its employees. However, there is no reason — and, technically, it is against policy — for these transfers to be done without warning and without justification.

Administrative transfers can occur for several reasons. If the Department feels an employee has been at a division for too long and is stagnating, the Department can administratively transfer an employee for career enhancement, according to current policy.

Another reason administrative transfers are utilized if it is in the best interest of the officer or the division. For example,

an officer may be transferred to keep a division from being negatively impacted by what commanding officers believe to be a problem officer(s). Transfers may also be granted in situations such as when an employee articulates to a commanding officer the belief that he or she is being targeted for a particular reason, and it would be best for everyone if the officer goes elsewhere.

However, the issue currently at hand and of concern to the LAPPL — whatever the reason may be for the administrative transfer — is how the commanding officers and the Department go about treating the individuals being transferred.

There have been two incidents recently regarding administrative transfers that have impacted numerous officers at the Newton and Southeast Divisions. These individuals are those assigned to patrol, of ranks including Lieutenant, Sergeant and Patrol Officer. The problem is the manner in which the administrative transfers occurred.

The officers assigned to the divisions were coming to work and, to their knowledge, doing what was expected of them. As I understand it, the officers that were transferred at Southeast did not receive any negative documentation stating that they were performing below average or that they were doing anything wrong. Actually, several officers received commendations from citizens for a job well

done. A couple of the officers received complaints during the last year, but it was in the course and scope of what is expected if you are working patrol.

Unfortunately, when the transfers came out, this was the officers' first notification that they were to be transferred — and they were, understandably, a bit shell-shocked. When they confronted the commanding officers to ask why they were being transferred, they received responses such as, "It is for your own good," "You have been here for a long time and it is for career enhancement," or "I am not going to tell you so that you can use that for litigation when you sue." The most disconcerting response was from one captain: nothing. He refused to tell the officer anything.

Not only is this disrespectful and a cowardly act, but it is against policy. Per the Department manual, the commanding officer needs to communicate to the employee the reason he or she is being transferred. The key word here is communication. No matter what the reason may be for the administrative transfer, the officers are looked upon in a negative manner, and they deserve to understand why they are being transferred.

Additionally, Southeast officers assigned to Southeast were told to choose three divisions not in South Bureau to be transferred to. However, even after this process, a number of the officers were not even transferred to one of the three divisions of their choice. Not only did the officers feel slighted by this lack of respect for their choices, but it also created even more frustration because several of the officers were spending up to two hours each way commuting to and from work. I thought the Department stopped utilizing freeway therapy as punishment.

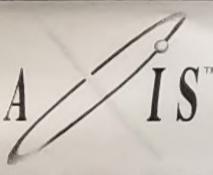
Several officers that were on the Southeast transfer felt they were being transferred for honestly communicating

their feelings and perceptions on various issues to a particular commanding officer who attended roll call several months ago. Other officers felt they were also targeted for speaking out openly in other roll calls regarding their feelings and opinions. That may not be the case — the Department may have had another reason for the administrative transfers — but to the Southeast officers who were transferred and to the other officers remaining at Southeast the message was very clear: do not speak out or challenge commanding officers in roll call, or you will be transferred because you are seen as a troublemaker. Intentionally or not, the Department is slowly creating an atmosphere where officers are going to be "yes or no sir" — nothing more, nothing less. That can be very dangerous, and something many of us thought disappeared with the change in administration almost four years ago.

We now have a situation where a domino effect has occurred. The Department has transferred disgruntled employees to a division that the officers do not want to be at, because it was not their choice to go there, which leads them to be unhappy and potentially less productive in their new assignments. This will not only impact the employees around them, but also the community they serve.

Further, there are employees at the division that the officers were transferred from that are questioning what they believe are the reasons for implementing the administrative transfers. This leads them to be afraid to speak up when it may be important to do so, and concerned about communicating with their superiors for fear of also being transferred. This creates a situation in which employees are nervous and, as with their transferred colleagues, potentially distracted from their

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Growing the LAPD

Police Officer PETER REPOVICH, Director



If you believe the campaign promises flaunted by the mayoral candidates or the recent actions by the Los Angeles City Council, it won't be long before we'll have more officers at the LAPD.

For years, the LAPPL Board of Directors has talked about our desperate need for more LAPD officers. We have compared our lackluster numbers to the police forces in New York, Chicago and other big cities, where they have many more officers serving a smaller slice of the population. We have pointed to the stretched resources at the Department and the dangers our officers encounter without proper back-up or support. We've analyzed response times, arrest rates and crime figures to show how additional officers could be the difference in improving these numbers.

After the many years of talking about these problems, we are finally seeing some action. There are numerous plans being proposed or adopted that should bring relief to our overworked and very thin Blue Line.

On January 26, the City Council approved a plan by Councilman Greig Smith to add 250 officers to the LAPD. The funding for this proposal would come from what Smith says is an expected \$62.5 million payment coming from the state, which the city would borrow \$25 million against. The funding would come from the monies the city will receive in two years from Proposition 1A, passed in November. When the funding runs out in

a few years, another source will have to be found to support the new officers.

One area in which we thought this additional funding might be found was in a city tax, which the mayor and some members of the City Council hoped to give another shot at on the May ballot (after the county-wide tax for public safety fell short of approval in November). Also on January 26, the City Council voted 10 to 5 to ask the city attorney to draft a ballot measure for the May 17 general election, asking Los Angeles residents to raise the sales tax from 8.25 percent to 8.75 percent. An estimated \$200 million per year would be raised by this tax, funding about 1,200 LAPD officers. In addition, approximately 25 percent of the funding would be utilized for crime prevention and firefighters and paramedics.

Unfortunately, we will not be seeing this ballot measure in May. On February 9 and again on February 11, the City Council voted against placing the tax proposal on the ballot. The two separate 9-6 votes fell one vote short of the approval it needed to move forward with the proposal; February 11 was the last day to approve such a proposal to make it onto the May ballot.

The ballot measure from November did not receive the two-thirds vote in the county it needed to pass, but it did garner support from 64 percent of voters within the city of Los Angeles. This indicates that our city's residents may be willing to dedicate some additional funds to increasing

the police presence in this city.

While this vote serves as a temporary setback for the plans to hire more officers at the LAPD, on February 14, Mayor Hahn signed the measure proposed by Councilman Smith, which actually provides for 278 more LAPD officers. The funding comes from vehicle license fees over the next three years.

According to Chief Bratton, there is currently a full class of 60 officers in the academy and this funding will enable the LAPD to have full classes all of next year – leading to realization of the benefits of the additional hires next summer.

The mayoral election is also providing some proposed solutions to L.A.'s policing shortage. Among them:

- Councilman Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor Hahn's challenger in 2001, says he has a plan to add 300 new officers to the LAPD now, and an additional 1,300 officers during the next five years. He insists, "we must and can find at least \$30 million in waste, fraud and inefficiencies to hire more police officers." He proposes utilizing a combination of current city funds, Proposition 1A funds and federal monies from the Department of Justice COPS Universal Hiring Grant to bring on the additional officers. He also supports a county-wide tax measure for hiring more public safety officers.
- Bob Hertzberg, a former Assembly speaker, has promised to hire 2,666 more police officers over the next eight years, without raising taxes. Although details are sparse – Hertzberg hasn't specified where he would cut funding in order to redirect it to the police department – he says he would set aside roughly \$30 million annually to hire new officers every year until 2014.
- Richard Alarcon, former L.A. city councilman and state senator, pledges "to increase public safety by adding 1,000 new police officers with no new taxes." In order to gather the funds needed for the additional officers,

Alarcon proposes consolidating the LAPD, the Port of Los Angeles' Harbor Police and Los Angeles International Airport's Airport Police into a unified command. As part of this group, he would ask for contributions of approximately \$75 million per year each from the Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles World Airports and the Department of Water and Power, for a total of \$225 million, for funding the city's homeland security initiatives. From this money gathered, 1,000 new police officers would be hired for citywide assignment as directed by the Chief of Police.

(It should be noted that former police chief Bernard Parks has not put forth any solid plan for increasing the police ranks, but rather has used his time in discussing public safety issues during the mayoral campaign to criticize the current plans under Mayor Hahn and Chief Bratton and call for an end to the flexible work schedule. One comment sums up his position on the matter: "I will use my 37 years of experience as a crime fighter to help bring safety and sanity to our streets.")

I am cautiously optimistic that somewhere down the road we will get the additional officers we need at the LAPD. Whether the mayoral election will be the final push our city needs to get real plans in place, or if those in the works by the City Council will result in the promised increase in officers, it is encouraging to see some real action on this issue. Mayor Hahn and Chief Bratton, working together with our officers and the community, have made real progress in the fight against crime in our city. But we all need additional resources to really get the job done, and ensure both current and future LAPD officers have the resources and support they need to make L.A. the safest big city in America.

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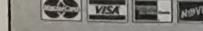
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A Message From General Counsel

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Court of Appeal Grants League's Petition To Publish Bill Of Rights Case

On December 20, 2004, the California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District (Orange County) filed its Opinion in *Beverly Hinrichs v. County of Orange*, Case No. G028834. Initially, the Court ordered that its Opinion not be published in the official reports. California Rules of Court prohibits citing or relying on Opinions not certified for publication or ordered published as case law. In our view, this case met all of the criteria for official publication. Accordingly, the League, along with the appellant, requested the Court to order publication of the Opinion. We are happy to report that the Court granted our request and ordered that its Opinion be published in the official reports. See *Beverly Hinrichs v. County of Orange et al.*, 2005, DJDAR 476.

The facts and holdings of the *Hinrichs* case are as follows.

Beverly Hinrichs is an officer in the Orange County Sheriff's Department. On November 5, 1999, when she reported to work at the Santa Ana jail, her supervisor held the door open for her. An hour later, he asked her to join him in the watch

commander's office. When she reported to the office, the supervisor told Hinrichs that earlier when he opened the door for her, he smelled alcohol on her breath. She replied that she had two beers at lunch, 10 hours before she reported to work and had been taking Nyquil. The supervisor then asked her to take a breathalyzer test, to which she consented, but no test was ever administered.

After the meeting Hinrichs was reassigned for the remainder of her shift to a location in which she would have less contact with the public. The Department admitted that she wasn't "under the influence" of alcohol. The supervisor and a fellow officer submitted reports of the incident, although another unidentified witness submitted a report stating that "she smelled only medicine on Hinrichs' breath."

In February of 2000, the Department gave Hinrichs a written notice that she was the subject of an internal affairs investigation and that the allegation was "use-of-alcohol" on November 5, 1999. The internal affairs investigation included a more formal interrogation of Hinrichs, who was accompanied by counsel. At the commencement of that interrogation, Hinrichs was given a written advisement

of the Public Safety Officers Bill of Rights (Bill of Rights). At the conclusion of the interrogation, Hinrichs' counsel served the Department with a written demand for "transcribed copies of any notes made by a stenographer and copies of any reports or complaints made by investigators or other persons, except those which are deemed by Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department to be confidential, that relate to this matter." In response to that request, the Department stated it would release reports to Hinrichs only if she "is given discipline higher than a written reprimand . . ."

On April 14, 2000, the Department issued Hinrichs a letter of reprimand. The letter explained that by reporting to work with the odor of alcohol on her breath, Hinrichs, among other things, "alienated co-workers and opened the department, as well as yourself, to liability." The letter also stated that Hinrichs' reprimand was for violation of two sections of the Department's manual of rules and regulations, regarding conduct unbecoming an officer and use of alcohol.

Hinrichs appealed the reprimand by requesting a meeting with her Captain. In her appeal, she asserted, among other things, that she had been denied materials in violation of her rights, that the regulations were vague, and that her actions had not violated the alleged regulations. The Captain denied her appeal, but commented that "the Department issued the reprimand for 'odor of an alcoholic beverage.' There is no belief or accusation that . . . Hinrichs was intoxicated or impaired."

Hinrichs filed a Petition for Writ of Mandate in the Orange County Superior Court alleging, among other things, that she had been denied her rights under the

Bill of Rights, including her right to be informed of the nature of her interrogation and her right to obtain copies of all non-confidential reports and witness statements pertaining to her case. She further alleged that the use-of-alcohol regulation did not give her adequate notice that the mere odor of alcohol was proscribed conduct.

The trial court denied Hinrichs petition. Hinrichs appealed to the Court of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal ordered the Department to reverse its issuance of Hinrichs' written reprimand. The Court found no basis to conclude that she was unable to perform her duties or was intoxicated. It also found no basis to impose any discipline on her and no violation of any rule. Therefore, it reversed all discipline.

We have determined that the *Hinrichs* case may be very beneficial in the area of access to investigative materials by accused officers. Specifically, it can be argued that this case interprets Government Code § 3303(g) as requiring discovery of all required material upon completion of the concerned officer's interrogation regardless of when the materials were generated. Also, if read correctly, this case also indicates that if a law enforcement employer alleges violations of specific regulations and describe only the specific violations against an accused officer, such employer is restricted from imposing discipline for violations of different regulations.

Our sincere congratulations to attorney James Dorn for a good job in representing Deputy Hinrichs in this case.

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Confusion Still Reigns on Public Safety Statements

What is it? Who gives it? Who gets it? What do they do with it? Is one enough? Does an officer get a representative before he gives one? Does a supervisor get a representative before he tells about getting one? And finally, is there a way to always do it right?

What is a Public Safety Statement?

First of all, if you search for the words "public safety statement" through all of the cases, both state and federal, in the United States, you will get no hits. In other words, there is no case law on what we call a public safety statement. So where did it come from? It came as an exception to the requirement to Mirandize an in-custody suspect. In other words, "public safety" excused compliance with Miranda.

It came about like this. Police chased a rapist into a supermarket. When the rapist was caught, he was wearing an empty holster. The arresting officer asked him where the gun was. He replied "over there" indicating where he had hidden it. The officer retrieved a loaded gun from that location. Later at trial, because he was in custody and questioned without being read his Miranda rights, the rapist sought to suppress his statement showing knowledge of the gun. The court ruled that there was an exception to the requirement to obtain a Miranda waiver prior to questioning an in-custody suspect. That exception was the "public safety" exception. (*New York v. Quarles*, (1984) 467 US 649) One can imagine the danger of having a loaded gun tucked in between the Frosted Flakes and Captain Crunch boxes while children are selecting their favorite breakfast cereals in a supermarket.

This is the source of the Department's belief that they are entitled to a "public safety statement" from officers involved in a use of force.

Note two things. The first is that this is an issue of the right to representation. The next is that it is an issue of the content of

the statement. Or to put it another way, because of the immediate need to know certain information dealing directly with the "public safety" there is no time to allow an officer to have representation before he provides the information REQUIRED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC SAFETY.

There is NO REQUIREMENT to tell anyone what happened prior to obtaining representation. Statements concerning why you shot, how you got here, what you saw, your tactics, and what you had for Code-7 are NOT NEEDED for the public safety.

Although there is no case law on point, arguably you would give the following information. The direction that you fired rounds (so we can check to see if there are any victims of friendly fire downrange). The location of anyone that is injured (so we can get them medical attention). If there are any outstanding suspects, and if so, their description, direction of travel, length of time since they left, what they are wanted for, and any weapons they are armed with (so we can catch them before they hurt someone). And the location of any evidence that needs to be protected (so we can secure the scene before a citizen wanders in and destroys evidence or hurts themselves picking up the knife, or gun left at the scene).

That's it. You can be sure that you will tell your story in great detail before the night is over, but wait until the proper time and wait until you have representation.

Who Gives a Public Safety Statement?

The involved officers give the public safety statement. Remember, the exception denying you representation before you speak is time sensitive. It is the emergency nature of the need to know that is the basis of the exception. Someone asking you two days later about the direction you fired would be the correct question, but much too late. The public emergency must exist at the time the question is

asked, otherwise it need not be answered without representation. Conversely, even if the public emergency exists at the time a question is asked, the question must be related to the emergency, or it can wait until you get representation.

Who Receives the Public Safety Statement?

Typically, the first supervisor to arrive at the scene obtains the public safety statement and acts on it. He, or she, makes sure

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY STATEMENTS

The first responding supervisor should state the following to the involved officer:

1. Officer I am ordering you to give me a public safety statement. Due to the immediate need to take action, you do not have the right to wait for representation before answering these limited questions.
2. In what direction did you fire rounds?
3. If you know of anyone who is injured, what is their location?
4. If there are any outstanding suspects (a) what is their description? (b) what is their direction of travel?
- (c) how long have they been gone? (d) what criminal(s) are they wanted for?
- (e) what weapons are they armed with?
5. If there is any evidence that needs to be protected where is it located?
6. Officer to preserve the integrity of this investigation I order you to NOT discuss this incident with ANYONE including other supervisors or staff officers, prior to the arrival of the assigned investigators with the exception of your legal representatives.

The officer should not make any further statements to anyone including the assigned investigators or criminal investigators until the arrival of a League representative.

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presence of the representative while giving the public safety statement since it does not impede the prompt dissemination of the information.

Does a Supervisor Get a Representative Before He is Questioned About Getting a Public Safety Statement?

By the time the supervisor who took the public safety statement from the involved officer is asked what the officer said in his public safety statement, presumably all of the actions necessary to apprehend the suspect, provide medical assistance, and protect the evidence have been taken. The emergency aspect is over. Therefore, if the supervisor feels the need for a representative, the emergency reason to deprive him of one no longer exists. He gets a representative.

And the supervisor should obtain representation. Special Order No. 19 is filled with duties imposed on the supervisor and the Consent Decree requires that the supervisor's actions be closely scrutinized. In many cases, the supervisor is in more danger of administrative action than the officer who fired his, or her, weapon.

Is There a Way to Always Do It Right?

A little white card supplied by the League and reprinted above can solve most of the problems associated with the public safety statement. It provides focus, is easy to use and should become a habit when the public safety statement issue presents itself. Sergeants should carry this in their wallets. If the supervisor doesn't have one, the officer should pull it out of his or her wallet, and give it to the supervisor. If the supervisor is offended by this, hear warning bells, read the card to him, or her, yourself and answer the questions. Other questions outside the immediate need for public safety should be postponed until a representative can be obtained.

Remember, the only thing we know for sure about the first report coming off the battlefield is that it will be wrong. Simple direct questions focused on the needed information are the best way to guarantee accuracy. Public safety statements are a minefield of unintended consequences for the unwary. Close adherence to the League's recommended procedure will stop you from stepping on it, or in it for that matter.

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Does an Officer Get a Representative Before He Gives a Public Safety Statement?

Remember it is the emergency nature of the situation that dictates the rule of having representation. The rule is "you don't get a representative." The rule is "there is no time to WAIT for a representative." Theoretically, if a representative arrives at the same time as the supervisor, the officer is entitled to the

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A Message From Chief Bratton

by Chief William Bratton

Last month, I spoke about the goals I have set for the Department for 2005, with the first and most important being the reduction of overall crime by 10%. When setting this year's goal, the command staff and I had to factor in our current staffing level to come up with something realistic and achievable. An additional 10% reduction over 2004's 10.5% reduction is what we came up with. We believe this is a doable stretch goal.

To meet this goal, we need to remain flexible and creative, and focus on efficiencies as we did in 2004. Bottom line, we need to find ways to get more people in the field. We will continue this year with several of the initiatives that we used last year to help us do more with less, supported by additional new initiatives and programs.

First, we are considering changes to the Force Multiplier Program that was initiated last year. We are currently discussing a new initiative with the Police Protective League. Instead of deploying officers in administrative positions to patrol assignments one or two days every four weeks, we are looking to deploy these officers to supplement patrol officers for a full deployment period, once per calendar year. We are also considering including officers on limited duty administrative assignments for

one-month redeployment to Area command administrative assignments to free up full duty officers for enforcement assignments. Fewer exemptions from the program are also being considered. If added, that will mean officers working in Professional Standards Bureau and other previously exempted units may also be redeployed to support the Force Multiplier initiative. You will be hearing more specifics about this in the future.

Additionally, command officers assigned to administrative functions (Captains and above), with the exception of those already in the Office of Operations, may also be redeployed to field assignments for a tour of duty each month. For example, Deputy Chief Paysinger and I will soon be participating in bicycle training that will allow us to be out in the field with our bicycle units. As your commanding officers, we cannot ask you to do something that we ourselves would not do, so expect to see more of the command staff out in the field working with you. This will allow us to experience firsthand the challenges and issues that you are facing.

Another strategy that we are considering is a modification to the training schedule. Through a combination of postponing and eliminating some of the non-essential training, we could free up the equivalent of 133 additional officers

to serve in the field. When I say non-essential training, I mean training that is discretionary, and not involving resident safety or officer safety issues.

We are also going to continue to even more closely monitor and enforce Injured-on-Duty and sick time to control any abuses of those benefits. The Department made some significant progress in this area last year. New Injured-on-Duty claims declined approximately 10% in 2004. The reduction of worker's compensation claims, IOD claims, and the use of sick time continues to be one of Mayor Hahn's Citywide initiatives. We will do our part to continue to find efficiencies in this area in order to make as many officers as possible available for field and patrol duties. We cannot afford to not aggressively investigate personnel who are abusing these benefits. Their conscious decision to abuse these benefits directly impacts your safety.

All of these strategies are intended to put more officers in the field to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in Los Angeles. The direct benefit to you, the men and women of this Department, is improved officer safety. More officers means more back up, more quickly, when you need it.

On the issue of promotions, we are close to a resolution regarding the 2000 through 2002 Sergeant's list. Once resolved, expect to see 13 promotions. Additionally, it is expected that the existing Sergeant's list will be certified by Deployment Period 3. From April through June, and dependent on the availability of funds and additional retirements, an additional 24 Sergeants will be promoted, as will five Lieutenants, one Captain and one Commander. This will complete the filling of 184 promotions and paygrade

advances the City Council provided for during this fiscal year.

Regarding the political discussion surrounding the 3-12 work schedule, the simple fact of the matter is that it works for this Department. It's not the best schedule in the world, nor is it the worst, but it makes us competitive with other police agencies, and helps to retain personnel. Along with your union I will continue to support it as part of our comprehensive staffing plan, while closely monitoring it for improvements and the prevention of abuses.

As part of our continuing effort to be recognized as a law enforcement leader in designing and implementing procedures, protocols and practices, the Department will be involved in sponsoring three major conferences. The Development Conference for the LAPD Leadership Institute will take place in early April; the National Gang Executive Session II, which is part of a three-part series, is also scheduled for April; and the Major Cities Internal Affairs Conference will take place in the spring. Each of these events will help strengthen our reputation as a major player in international policing circles, helping us to enhance our stature as the premier law enforcement organization in the nation, if not the world, recognized for our innovation and best practices.

You have all worked hard to make this a dynamic, creative and efficient organization. As we stretch further to reduce crime, comply with the Consent Decree, and strengthen our defenses against terrorist attacks, we should all feel proud of the dynamic changes that are occurring in this great Department. I know I'm proud to be a part of it, and proud to lead you, the men and women of the LAPD. I hope that you share that pride. ♦

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Question: I injured my back in 2003 and the claims adjuster told me I am only entitled to 24 physical therapy and 24 chiropractic sessions over the lifetime of my injury. This can't be true. Is it?

Answer: No! While there is now such a limit over the lifetime of an injury, it only applies to injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2004. However...all other injuries are still subject to the new limitations of utilization review, which could in fact be more restrictive than the 24 session limitation.

Question: My injury occurred in 2002 but my permanent disability hasn't yet been determined because I've had three surgeries. How will the new law affect my settlement down the road?

Answer: It depends on when you are deemed "permanent and stationary" by your treating doctor. The new law requires

the administrative director to eliminate the existing permanent disability schedule that is based on "ability to compete in the open labor market" and will replace it with a schedule that adopts the AMA guidelines for rating impairment. The AMA guidelines are very limiting in determining permanent disability for an injury. The new schedule may be in place by the time you read this article, and injury not previously determined to be permanent and stationary would fall within the new schedule. If you have already been deemed permanent and stationary, the existing schedule would apply to your injury.

In future articles I will answer more questions, particularly as we get clarity from the courts. It is apparent the current administrative director is not concerned as to when you were injured or if you already settled your case. The governor's bottom line is whether insurance companies can save money and if he can apply the new law to you, he will! In the meantime, let your voices be heard and tell those in charge you will not stand for unilaterally being stripped of your rights that your associations have fought for years to obtain.

Take care and be safe!

Corina Lee

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ongoing duties.

If the Department's goal was to neutralize whatever the situation was by transferring the officers, they did not achieve this – and, in fact, made it worse. Due to the lack of communication in these situations – including the lack of documentation demonstrating the problems with the employees and the disregard for informing the employees about the transfers – the officers feel even more slighted by this process. Several of the officers would not be as upset regarding the administrative transfers if the Department would have communicated to them in an honest and direct way.

The core of the problem with these situations is the way the Department goes about treating its employees. If officers treated citizens the way some managers treat our employees, they would surely be fired. Officers want to be treated fairly, with respect and dignity. The Department expects officers to be honest, hard working and loyal. Officers, understandably, expect the same in return.

This particular issue was brought to the Chief's attention, and he is currently looking into the manner in which administrative transfers occur and the processes that takes place once an administrative transfer is put into motion.

The officer should not be the last one to know when he or she is being transferred. And we also deserve to be informed about why these transfers occur – whether for a positive or necessary reason or because there is a negative issue at the current division. We will only be able to improve our service to our fellow employees and the community if we know when our performance is weak, as well as when our job is being well done. I want to reassure you that the League has taken an active interest in this particular issue and is already pursuing it with the Department. No one is served well by lackluster communication in a "by the way" fashion – the key to our future success and effectiveness is open and direct communication. We urge the commanding officers of our divisions to heed this advice and not allow administrative transfers to be the surprises many currently are.

Ted Hunt

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Pensions are a vitally important part of retention.

Our pension is a model plan which is fully funded and financially sound. It does not cost the taxpayers any more or less. It is operated with sound financial management principles. Why should our pension be attacked?

Currently, if you leave LAPD without a pension, you can only take your contribution and not the city's contribution. But if you get seriously injured and are forced to retire, you will get a pension. If you are killed in the line of duty, your surviving spouse and children will get a pension.

In the new Richman proposal, if you

get seriously injured and ~~retire~~ anymore, you will not get a pension. You will get your contributions in the Defined Contribution plan and will probably be forced to live on state rate workers' compensation until you are healthy enough to get another job.

The unintended consequences of this are going to be significant.

This is an extremely complex issue. All of the ramifications cannot be captured in one short article like this. The pension issue is priority one. We will continue to let you know what is going on. Make sure you check the Web site www.lapd.com for updates and sign up for the Members Only electronic mail.

DO NOT SIGN, AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE YOU KNOW, NOT TO SIGN, ANY PETITION FOR PENSION CHANGES OR PENSION REFORM. ♦

sion is made and the award presented.

NAPO policy requires for the act to be recognized it must have occurred in the year prior. For example the next Top Cops awardees for 2005 must have performed their acts of bravery in 2004. If we wait for the Department, we will not make this deadline.

Please forward information on significant acts of bravery to me at the League either through the US mail or e-mail me at paulweber@lapl.org. Help the League to recognize our fellow officers at the national level through the NAPO Top Cops award.

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Last June, Congressman Bob Filner (CA-51) introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives a resolution "expressing the sense of the Congress that a postage stamp should be issued to honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty." In September, Congressman Jim Moran (VA-8) co-sponsored the resolution. The resolution is now before the House Committee on Government Reform, awaiting action.

You can help move this resolution forward. Here's how:

Go to www.nleomf.com and sign the online petition.

Together, we can continue the vital work of respecting, honoring, and remembering the service and sacrifice of our fallen law enforcement heroes and recognizing the sacrifice made by the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

— Craig W. Floyd

Chairman and Executive Director of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF). ♦

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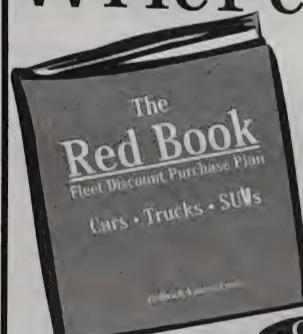
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LAPPL Legislative Corner

by Tim Yaryan
Legislative Counsel and Advocate

Stopping all new entrants into the DB plan eliminates the continuous flow of younger members used to fund benefits. The state and local governments will have to pay more as DB plan members get older and retire and will also incur costs to train employees on how to invest funds. *Changing to DC plans, as proposed by the governor, will result in greater costs to the state and local governments and bigger budget deficits.*

Myth: Employees do better financially under DC plans than under DB plans.

Truth: Numerous studies show that employees fare far worse under DC plans due to lack of investment experience, high fees and administrative costs, and under-performance in down markets. DC plans provide no protection against inflation, no disability benefits, and no death benefits. A study by Dalbar found that the average stock fund investor had a 5% annual gain from 1984 to 2000, while the S&P stock index had an average gain of 16% over the same period. According to Watson Wyatt Worldwide, DB plans outperform DC plans in down markets. *The bottom line is DC plans require employees to gamble 100% of their retirement nest egg in the market and force taxpayers to bail them out.*

Myth: Public employees receive excessively high retirement benefits and this is "breaking the system."

Truth: Notwithstanding the publicity given a few high pensions for management, the average state pension is \$1,673.82 per month for a worker at age 60 with 10.5 years of service. *DC plans will reduce the advantage of public sector retirement and make it hard to recruit and retain skilled workers.*

Myth: Most private sector employers are switching from DB to DC plans. Public employees should be treated the same.

Truth: Most large private sector employers still offer only DB plans. Only 17% of Fortune 100 companies have DC plans. *In 2003, 68 percent of large private sector employers offered DB plans.*

Myth: Defined Contribution Plans are cheaper to administer and will save employees money.

Truth: Administrative costs of DC plans are much higher than DB plans. The average administrative cost for a DC plan is 2% of assets, compared to .18% for DB

plans. *Typically in a DC plan, 50 cents of each \$1 is spent on benefits; in a DB plan, 80 cents of each \$1 is spent on benefits.*

The "Governator" is backing a proposal by Assemblymember Keith Richman to change your pension system and to put this issue on the November ballot, a measure that will be backed by lots of real special interests such as TIAA-CREF, Merrill Lynch and many others. Well, you say, that's why we contribute to a Political Action Committee (PAC), to help defeat draconian propositions like this! Not so fast, my friend. (I must watch too much ESPN.) Here's what's really happening.

On the very same day Assemblymember Richman filed the "title and summary" for his Pension Initiative, Taxpayers' Advocate Lew Uhler filed for "title and summary" for another pension initiative entitled "The Public Employees' Right to Approve Use of Union Dues for Political Campaign Purposes Act." If you guessed that the purpose of this initiative is to limit, or stop altogether, political contributions by public employee unions, you'd be pretty much right on. (I am informed the "Governator" will also get behind this initiative.) If you see a very disturbing pattern developing here, you'd once again be pretty much right on. They want to saddle you with "take aways" and then take away your best

means to fight against these "take aways."

In other news, the governor's budget takes top billing in my February article. Not to diminish the impact of the budget, the other concerns I discussed in this article are much more vital to your long-term interests. The governor once again fully funded the COPS program for \$100 million, which supports front line law enforcement, sheriff's departments for jail operations, and D.A.'s for prosecution. However, funding for booking fee reimbursements (\$38 million) and the Rural Sheriff's program (\$18.5 million) were not included in this year's proposed budget. The governor also proposed \$201.3 million in funding for critical juvenile justice programs such as juvenile camps and ranches to replace the loss of Federal TANF funds. However, he reduced the juvenile justice grants by \$75 million. He indicated that his administration is now working in a series of state and local juvenile justice reforms, which may involve additional state subventions later in the year.

In my next installment, I'll update you on the pension protection fight, give you some more on the governor's budget and highlight the more significant bills of interest that have been introduced so far this year.

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Letters

to the editor

Letters To The Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters must be limited to 350 words or less. Letters over the limit will be returned to the writer for editing. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

Subject: Letter to the Editor

Paul Weber's column on the death of Chuck Heim brought back a flood of memories. This was what prompted me to "pull the pin."

I was enroute to work that Friday night, listening to news radio, half awake. I heard the breaking news that a police officer had been shot in the Hollywood

area. Curious, I called the "inside" number to Hollywood and was quickly briefed that an officer had indeed been shot and that it "didn't look good." Even worse, the PSR asked for my ETA to the station. This was my last weekend in uniform, and it had to start like this.

Lt. Tammy Tatreau and I immediately went to Cedars Sinai Hospital and were

quickly ushered to Chuck's room. He was on full life support. None of my years of experience in collision investigation or supervision prepared me for this. We were there when Chuck's wife, Beth, was brought in to tell him goodbye. Then his life support was disconnected and it became official, Chuck Heim was dead. Somehow, Tammy and I made it out of the hospital without tripping over anything. Now, the real work began.

It took every bit of my resolve to be a sergeant and keep the officers focused when all I wanted to do was find this little hairball and summarily execute him. My job was made easier by the fact that we had a watch full of superior, professional cops who took care of our daily business without letting their pain overshadow their work. There were no Code-7s requested or taken. Every spare second was spent checking motels, restaurants and telephonic leads. Snitches were questioned and favors called in. As we all know, the suspect was located Sunday morning, whereupon he elected to go the hard way and was accommodated.

Monday morning I assumed my new duties as the Hollywood Area Adjutant. The first task was to help coordinate the funeral arrangements.

There is a message here. If you are a

supervisor or want to be one, they may have to deal with such a situation. It is not something they can teach you at the Academy. I still think about that night and the ensuing week. I still have the RHD shirt and I still think about the good cop who left us that cool October night. And, I fondly remember the cops who did their jobs as best they could that weekend, without incurring one single beef. That's the night the job stopped being fun.

Harry B. Ryon
Mesa, Arizona

Dear LAPD & Friends,

I am writing you this note to say "thank you so much" for all the gifts for my daughter Madelyn Bonilla, BMT Rm. 421 and our family. She came in for a bone marrow transplant back on October 17, 2004. She was doing real good until November 8, 2004. Things turned for the worse. She first had problems with her kidneys and had to go down to the ICU. At that time the doctors told us they are doing what they can, the rest is up to Maddy. She stood asleep for about one and a half weeks when she finally woke up. It was the best day ever. The next day

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In Memoriam

Deputy James "Jim" Tutino

March 6, 1957 – January 26, 2005

Loving Husband, Father, Son, Brother, Uncle, Nephew,
Deputy, Coach, Mentor and Friend to all



IN MEMORIAM

LAPD - In the Line of Duty*

Name	Date of Death	Rank
J. F. Crehan	03/31/14	Policeman
W. R. Kreps	03/28/16	Policeman
J. M. Miller	03/14/26	Police Officer
J. H. Carter	03/18/28	Policeman
J. C. Costello	03/31/30	Policeman
H. C. Jackson	03/01/31	Policeman
D. C. Tisdale	03/10/37	Policeman
L. N. Bunch	03/08/42	Policeman
J. O. Summers	03/03/44	Policeman
C. H. Bridgeman	03/16/45	Sergeant
J. D. Kennard	03/03/52	Policeman
L. Wise	03/17/57	Policeman
J. L. Castellanos	03/05/59	Policeman
Ian J. Campbell	03/09/63	Police Officer
J. C. Smith	03/02/66	Policeman
K. E. Walters	03/27/72	Policeman
Fred H. Early	03/23/73	Policeman
Curtis C. Hagele	03/10/80	Detective
Stuart Taira	03/01/83	Police Officer
Louis Villalobos	03/18/00	Police Officer III

*(Note: We are printing this listing each month, with the names of LAPD Officers killed in the line of duty that month.)

END OF WATCH



(Note: Absent direct notification to the Los Angeles Police Protective League, we do not otherwise know of a member's death.)

NAME: Clare G. Riding #3594

RANK: Investigator

ASSIGNED TO: Detective Headquarters

BORN: September 6, 1916

APPOINTED: September 23, 1946

RETIRE: July 7, 1972

DIED: December 22, 2004

NAME: Sylvanus Dossi #6031

RANK: Investigator III

ASSIGNED TO: Venice

BORN: May 18, 1925

APPOINTED: February 2, 1949

RETIRE: June 29, 1978

DIED: January 9, 2005

★ ★ ★

NAME: Gary C. Guthrie #12031

RANK: Policeman II

ASSIGNED TO: Detective Headquarters

BORN: May 10, 1936

APPOINTED: August 3, 1964

RETIRE: October 19, 1991

DIED: January 19, 2005

★ ★ ★

NAME: Lowell A. Courtial #6745

RANK: Lieutenant I

ASSIGNED TO: Foothill

BORN: September 18, 1921

APPOINTED: January 22, 1951

RETIRE: June 28, 1980

DIED: January 21, 2005

★ ★ ★

NAME: James V. Weeks #7277

RANK: Policeman

ASSIGNED TO: University

BORN: December 21, 1928

APPOINTED: May 17, 1954

RETIRE: July 6, 1966

DIED: December 31, 2004

NAME: Arthur Worthington #4434

RANK: Policeman

ASSIGNED TO: TED

BORN: September 22, 1917

APPOINTED: November 20, 1944

RETIRE: January 11, 1972

DIED: January 22, 2005

Letters to the Editor

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we were able to be moved to the SMT unit. We were there for just a few days when she started to have trouble breathing. We never thought our baby would have to go through so much. Once again we go downstairs for her lung trouble and that is where we had our Thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving day we hear good news: Maddy's chest x-ray shows improvement. About a week later we are able to come back to BMT.

But she is still not herself. She is sad, just not our Maddy. A few days pass. She is told we are going to have two special visitors later that morning. She gets dressed, she picks out an outfit and waits, still not really happy or talking much. Here comes Scooby Doo. She looks a little scared, but starts to get happy. Then Santa, Mrs. Claus, LAPD. She starts to blow kisses. My mom and I are amazed. Even before she got sick, she would not throw kisses to anyone. So we are very happy and surprised. After you all left, she kept talking about her visitors and gifts. The rest of the day was great. To think my baby was fighting for her life, now she is blowing kisses, smiling. Our family would like to say thank you for all your hard work, time. You truly made my baby happy. Actually our whole family thanks you so much for caring so much! We know you don't have to work so hard on the job and off the job for our family. Thank you for all you do. We love you all! You all went way beyond the call of duty!

From the Bonilla Family, Madelyn, Aaron (brother), Darlene (mom), William (dad)

Sir/Madam:

Just a quick note to ask if there were any LAPD members who wished to correspond from time to time by e-mail with an Aussie cop.

I am 35, married, with one daughter, three years, and I am a constable with the Queensland Police Service and have been for four years. I am currently serving in a one-officer station in Silkstone, outside a town called Ipswich in Queensland, Australia.

I have about 8,000 people in my division that I look after and my family and I live at the station full time.

Look forward to hearing from someone for chat every now and then! Cheers!

Trevor Acheson, Constable 13386
Officer in Charge
Silkstone Police
181 Blackstone Road
Silkstone Queensland
Australia
Post Code 4303
e-mail: trevmegess@optusnet.com.au

Aloha;

I am writing concerning the police shooting of the young boy. I am a Sergeant with the Honolulu Police Dept. with 21 years experience. No one wants to see a tragedy such as this happen, what bothers me is the Mayor of LA, but this guy is only covering his own ass; he should keep his mouth shut until the facts and circumstances can be determined. You would think that with his police background, he would take that into consideration. I met many fine Officers from LA. Keep up the good work and be safe.

Mike Arnone

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From the Bonilla Family, Madelyn,

Aaron (brother), Darlene (mom),

William (dad)

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Feast of San Gennaro Foundation Presents a Donation to the LAPD Children's Support Group

The little known event known as the Feast of San Gennaro is celebrated in the Italian community during the month of September to commemorate the miraculous deeds of Januario Gennaro, Bishop of Benevento, Italy, during the persecution of Christians around 300 A.D.

Gennaro, hearing of deacons who had been imprisoned by Emperor Diocletian for their religious beliefs, began visiting the deacons to provide spiritual support. Hearing of this, Emperor Diocletian had Gennaro imprisoned. The then prelate of the state known as Timoteo had Gennaro



Left to right: Elaine Wicks, Alex Rios, Alejandra Armas from the San Gennaro Foundation, Sgt. Fred Tredy, Lt. Lombardo from the Italian Police Officers Association, Irma Rios, Ann Brunzell and Samantha Rios.

severely tortured for his Christian beliefs. Amazingly, despite being thrown in a blazing furnace, stretched on a torture rack and being dragged through the streets on a chariot, Gennaro survived these and other acts of torture. Timoteo, disappointed with Gennaro's ability to survive, condemned Gennaro, the two deacons and two additional laymen to be fed to hungry wild beasts.

It is reported that although thrown into an amphitheater to be torn apart, these beasts crouched in submission at Gennaro's feet and none of the men succumbed to the torturous delight of Timoteo. Attributing this miraculous act to black magic, Timoteo angrily condemned the survivors to be beheaded. Their martyrdom came in 305 A.D., on the 19th day of September in Pozzuoli, near Naples. The blood of Gennaro was collected by Christian onlookers into small vials. In May, 1497, Cardinal Alessandro Carafa officially had San Gennaro's remains moved to Naples. Legend says that it was at this time that Gennaro's dried blood miraculously liquefied in the vials further signifying Gennaro's sainthood.

Gennaro's skull and blood vials were

placed in the Royal Treasure Chapel of San Gennaro, the original site of his beheading and his skeletal remains were placed in the main altar of the Cathedral of Naples.

On September 19, at 9:00 a.m., at the Treasure Chapel of San Gennaro, Naples, Italy, there are nine prayers said while the San Gennaro shrine is brought out of its vault. The Shrine to San Gennaro in the form of a gold ring with a cross on top containing the martyred saint's blood is placed on the altar for people to see. At this time, prayers are said for the prodigious miracle of the liquification of San Gennaro's blood.

Each year, the Feast of San Gennaro Foundation selects a charity to concentrate fundraising efforts on. In September, 2004, the LAPD Children's Support Group was named as an ongoing fundraiser recipient. This is the first time the foundation selected a charity for a continuous annual contribution. Pictured to the left are members of the Feast of San Gennaro Foundation and Children's Support Group.

The historical information contained in this article was provided by Marie Luna. *

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National Police Week

May 15-21, 2005



The 17th Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on Friday, May 13, 2005. Sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), the event will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the memorial grounds, located at Judiciary Square, on the 400 block of E Street, NW, Washington, D.C. A reading of the names newly engraved on the memorial immediately follows the ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend; no tickets are required. Additional Police Week events will be posted as information becomes available.

May 7, 2005 (Saturday)

Law Ride Charity Poker Run

Registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
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Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony, 2:00 p.m.
Begun in 1997, the Police Unity Tour has raised approximately \$1.5 million for the NLEOMF. To ride along or for more information, visit www.policeunitytour.com. Contact (973) 443-0030; e-mail novantime@aol.com.

May 13, 2005 (Friday)

National Concerns of Police Conference and "COPS

Kids' Program

Concerns of Police Survivors
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center
(Registration is mandatory)

16th Annual Candlelight Vigil

8:00 p.m. at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
400 block of E Street, N.W.
(202) 737-3400
It is advised that anyone attending take the Metro Red Line to the Judiciary Square.

May 14, 2005 (Saturday)

National Police Survivors' Conference and "COPS Kids" Program

Concerns of Police Survivors
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center
(Registration is mandatory)

Third Annual Steve Young Honor Guard Competition

Fraternal Order of Police Grand Lodge
8:30 a.m. at Grant's Statue at 1st Street, just west of the U.S. Capitol.
Contact: Ken Roske via e-mail: honorguard@policeweek.org or visit www.policeweekhonorguard.com.

Tenth Annual Emerald Society & Pipeband March and Service
National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies, Inc.
Assemble at 4:30 p.m. at New Jersey Avenue & F Street, N.W.
Step off promptly at 6:00 p.m.
March will proceed to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.
Contact National Conference Office, (301) 858-0972 or e-mail PESWASHDC@aol.com.

May 15, 2005 (Sunday)

24th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Services

Grand Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police
Grand Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary
Noon at the West Front of the United States Capitol, Washington, D.C.

FOP/FOPA Wreathlaying Ceremony

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
3:30 p.m. at the 400 block of E Street N.W.
Please stop by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Visitors Center during your visit to Washington. Come see our museum to law enforcement and visit our gift shop. The visitor's center is located at 605 E Street, N.W. and will be open extended hours during National Police Week.

Contact Groups

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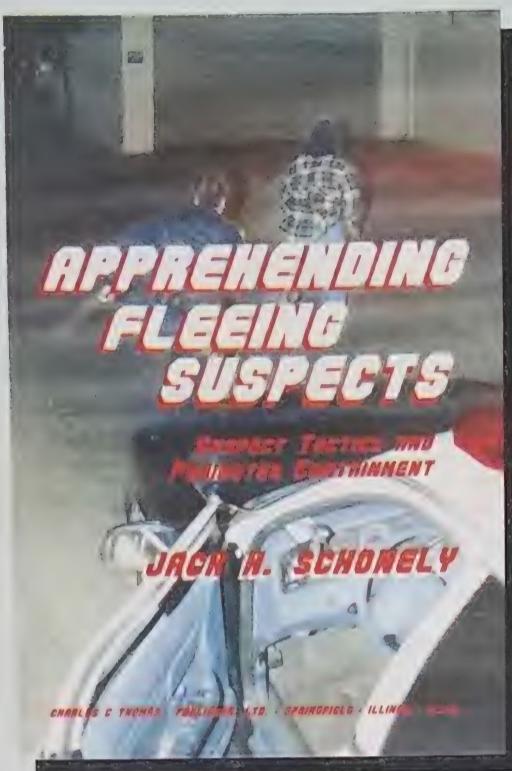
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Northeast Watch Three officers were the first responders to the horrific Amtrak train collision in Glendale. LAPD and other emergency personnel were honored at a ceremony hosted by Costco on February 2, 2005, for their heroic efforts to protect and assist all who were involved in the crash.

More For Your Information on next page

Los Angeles Police Protective League Announces 22nd Annual Scholarship Awards Program

The Los Angeles Police Protective League is proud to announce the 22nd Annual Scholarship Awards Program, which is open to high school, college-bound dependents of LAPPL members, both active and retired, who have held continuous membership in the League for more than one year prior to the dependent's application. Nearly \$10,000 in scholarships will be awarded. To qualify:

- An applicant must be a 2005 high school graduate with a "C" average or better.
- The candidate will be judged on his/her scholastic record and extracurricular activities. If qualified to compete, the candidate will be invited to the essay portion of the Scholarship Awards Program.
- The essay will be held in the Spring of 2005. **The essay portion will be administered on one day, at one time, and at one location. Applicants must appear in person on that date and time. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The scholarship finalists will be selected by the League Scholarship Committee.

This is a unique opportunity for the dependents of LAPPL members to earn scholarship assistance for the 2005 Fall college semester. The awards are based on the ability to analyze the essay question and then respond to it in writing.

If you would like to be considered, please complete the form and mail to the League office, **1308 West Eighth Street, Fourth Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017**. You may also pick up an application at the League office or request an application by telephone at **(213) 251-4599** or send E-mail to lisa@lappl.org.

Very truly yours,
Scholarship Committee 2005

Request for Scholarship Application

Scholarship applications must be returned to the League no later than March 11, 2005. Applications received after that date will be returned.

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: () _____

Name and Assignment of League member who qualifies you as a scholarship applicant: _____

Serial No.: _____

Work Telephone No.: _____

Retired: _____ Active: _____

Your Relationship to the League member who qualifies you as a scholarship applicant: _____

NOTE: This is not a scholarship application. It is a request form only.

**Applications must be obtained from the League Office at:
1308 W. 8th Street, Fourth Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017**

Completed applications must be received at the League office by Friday, March 11, 2005

Planning for Disaster

First printed October of 1996, Reprinted in June of 1998

by Gary Ingemunson
Attorney at Law

(Recent personal experience has reemphasized to me how important estate planning is in the larger design of life. Although I have been an attorney for 20 years, it was just a couple of months ago that I executed the documents that I advised you to execute in an article I wrote almost two years ago. The feeling that there is plenty of time for these considerations may prove false. In truth, we are all just hanging by a thread. The message in this article is worth repeating.)

I am writing this article from a motel room in Loma Linda. I have been here for the last four days with my wife to be near my mother-in-law who had a massive heart attack and is in the Intensive Care Unit at Loma Linda Hospital. She is in her mid-70s and is lying in a bed, mostly unconscious, while a team of highly skilled doctors and nurses monitor and

treat her with the latest and best equipment. As has happened a few times in the past, I have been slammed with the realization that the study and practice of law is not the memorization of dusty theories and stale cases. It is the dynamic application of strategies to solve the real time problems of human beings in crises.

Picture this: You receive a call in the middle of the night. Your mother has just been admitted by ambulance to the emergency ward of the hospital. You are needed right now. Her condition is serious. You and your spouse throw on your clothes and rush to the hospital. You know that your mother is in the final stages of lung cancer, but it was supposed to be in remission. You have been half expecting a call like this at some vague day in the future, but somehow that doesn't help. You rush past parked ambulances, bleeding people on stretchers, other cops taking reports and head for the elevators to the ICU. Once past the receptionist and firm signs (immediate family only, no more

than two at a time, no one under 14, 10-minute minute visit only, wash your hands before entry), you get to the room. There she is on the bed. Stabilization is the first priority of the ICU people. To that end, needles feeding powerful drugs that regulate her heart have already been attached and bags of fluid are hanging from machines that are administering just the right doses. An A-line has been inserted into her artery at the wrist to monitor blood pressure and retrieve blood samples. An endotracheal tube has been forced through her nasal passage into her windpipe so a respirator can pump air into her lungs. Mercifully, these devices were in place when you arrive. You did not have to witness the nurses holding her down while the machines were hooked to her body.

You try to communicate with her, to show her that you are there, to tell her that she will be all right, to comfort her, but although she looks at you, the sedation or the heart damage give her a vacant look. Maybe she can hear you, maybe she can't. She couldn't speak to you anyway because the endotracheal tube passes between her vocal chords making speech impossible. She doesn't need speech, however, to show you that she can feel pain. She winces when needles are pressed into her. Her face contorts with pain when she tries to cough through the tubing in her throat. Her body contorts violently when the nurse shoves another tube down her air passage to suck out the liquids that are condensing in her

lungs. The nurse sees your discomfort. "She won't remember a thing," she says, "and you will never forget it."

It is conference time. Still dazed, you are led into a small room by the doctor and an intern. They want to talk to you about something called "full code." Do you want full code for her, or something less. "How aggressive do you want us to be in keeping her alive?" the doctor asks. They point out, matter of factly, that she is in her mid-70s with lung cancer. Her heart has likely sustained major damage. Full code would tell them to follow the most aggressive life-saving procedures. This means shock treatment, invasive operations, massive doses of powerful chemicals and anything else that might work should her heart stop. If you have been around the street for any length of time, you have seen the paddles. You imagine them applied to her frail body and in your mind see the jolt followed by the spasmodic violent jerk. How many times would they do it? Should she be allowed to slip away in peace? What if the paddles would have revived her? What if the cancer was in remission? What if it wasn't? Would she be revived to suffer horribly for a few months only to die anyway? The doctors are waiting for an answer. They are not making any recommendations. They are just stating facts and asking you to make a decision.

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POST Commission Approves Award Recipients

The California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) is pleased to announce the recipients for the prestigious 2004 Governor's Award for Excellence in Peace Officer Training. These annual awards are made to recognize excellence, innovation and impact upon law enforcement training in two categories—Individual Achievement and Organizational Achievement. This year there were 39 excellent nominations submitted for screening by the POST Advisory Committee.

Selected for the Lifetime Achievement category was Jack A. Giroud, Detective Sergeant of the Los Angeles Police Department Robbery Homicide Division for his developing and conducting

instruction on Robbery Investigation. Sgt. Giroud has been a member of the LAPD for 49 years and has worked as a detective assigned to Robbery Homicide Division for 42 years. Recognized as an authority on robbery investigations, Sgt. Giroud regularly teaches at POST's Institute of Criminal Investigation out of San Jose State University, the California Robbery Investigators Association, and others.

Recipients and their nominating departments will be personally presented with prestigious trophies to be made at the Annual Law Enforcement Legislative Day Luncheon at the Sacramento Convention Center on Tuesday, April 19, 2005.

For more information: Assistant Executive Director Hal Snow, Standards and Development Division, (916) 227-2807; Hal.Snow@post.ca.gov. ♦

Planning for Disaster

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You realize that the person with the most important opinion is missing from this conference. Your mother. How does she feel about this? She can't tell you. She is unconscious and probably will be for some time. Time is something you do not have, the doctors need your answer. They are waiting.

Now flip this scene around. You are in the ICU bed. You are unconscious. Your spouse and children are in the conference room with the doctors. They have to make this decision without your input. If they ask for "full code" and you die anyway, how will they feel about the extra pain they have put you through? If they ask for less than full code, they will always wonder if something left undone would have saved you. They will be second guessed by other relatives and friends no matter what decision they make.

For people in our line of work, the ICU and the "full code" decision are only a bullet or a traffic accident away. You need input. You need to take this terrible decision out of the hands of your loved ones. Fortunately, the law provides a way.

You can execute a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care. This document expresses your desire concerning your treatment when you are incapacitated and

gives an agent (usually your spouse or child) the legal ability to act in your name. Provisions can range as follows, or be tailored to fit your desires:

Example #1: I do not want efforts made to prolong my life and I do not want life-sustaining treatment to be provided. continued: (1) if I am in an irreversible coma or persistent vegetative state; (2) if I am terminally ill and the application of life-sustaining procedures would only to artificially delay the moment of my death; or (3) under any other circumstances where the burdens of the treatment outweigh the expected benefits. I want my agent to consider the relief of suffering and the quality as well as the extent of the possible extension of my life-sustaining treatment.

Example #2: I want efforts made to prolong my life and I want life-sustaining treatment to be provided or continued.

I am not advocating either position. I am advocating that you make the decision, not your loved ones. This is your *warning bell* to unburden those who may be sitting in conference with the doctors someday. They can know what you would have wanted if you had been able to speak. It is the kindest thing you can do under these cruel circumstances. I urge you to contact your attorney at once and execute this document.

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9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Elysian Park Police Academy Gym

The College Fair is specifically designed to help all members of the law enforcement family— both sworn and civilian—who want to resume their formal education find a university that will help them achieve their goals. For more information, contact Ted Hunt or Sarah Scott at (213) 251-4554.

Colleges include:

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- Azusa Pacific University
- Biola University
- Cal Poly Pomona
- Cal State Dominguez Hills
- Cal State Los Angeles
- Cal State Northridge
- Chapman University
- College of the Canyons
- Concordia University
- DeVry University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Learning Tree University
- Hope International University
- Los Angeles Mission College
- Los Angeles Pierce College
- Pacific Oaks College
- Pepperdine University
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January 18, 2005 Meeting

The following were in attendance: Police Post 381 Commander **Richard Kalk**, Treasurer **Harold E. Yarnell, Jr.**, 1st Vice **JJ Leonard**, 2nd Vice **Joe Mueller** looked like death warmed over. I had planned on talking with him, but he slid right out after the meeting. **Bob Reeves**, **Emmett Drennan**, **Frank Torres**, **William Zimmerman**, **Marshal L. Maydeck**, **Gail Tam**, **Steve Stremsterfer**, **Ernie Dicken**, **Samuel Mells**, Past Cmdr. **Dennis DeNoi**, **Ernie Dicken**, MING, Stu

Stremsterfer, **Don MacLennan**, **Clinton Ericson**, **Rich Ortiz**, **Phil Anninos** and **Jim Flavin**. **Frank Ortiz** was not at the meeting. I think it was the first time that he missed a Post meeting, but not his fault. His right leg is giving him problems and until he remedies the situation, it gets better, we won't see him. He promised that he would be at the next meeting. God willing and the creek don't flood! When dinner had finished and the clean-up had begun, in through the door enters Comrades **Bob Kosier**, **Rob Welbriskysky** (Welborn), **Joe Getherall**, **Mike Dwyer** and **George Hofstetter**. It seems like they ran into unexpected traffic. Needless to say, *no dinner!* It appears that during the meeting Cmdr. Kalk misplaced his gavel requiring him to borrow Bob Reeves' VFW gavel. After the meeting ended, the gavel mysteriously reappeared, with a warning — the next time it will be auctioned! Requiring the Comander to out-bid the highest bidder. That could get expensive. Maybe a little patience when it comes to using the gavel is necessary!?

May 20, 2005, Friday is alive! Committees have been assigned, work is the name of the game! How can you help? Sell tickets to family, friends, old partners, old service buddies! Remember, birds of a feather fly together. So, if they're your buddy, then they are our buddy. Let's pack that party! The next Motor reunion isn't until 2007 so why not make this the mid-Motor reunion? The last reunion was 2002 time enough for a lot of changes. How about band members? In

the past they used to make quite a showing. Come on, comrades. This is our Police Post. Let's make it happen! The tickets are only \$35. We can reserve tables, if requested.

Special Days in March

March 2 – Wed. Police Emerald Society meeting at Academy, 7:00 p.m.

March 5 – Sat. Emerald Society St. Patrick's Day Party – Maggie's Pub

March 5 – Sat. Choir

Boys LEMC – Ontario

March 8 – Tues. Choir Boys LEMC – El Presidente, Chatsworth

March 12 – Sat. St. Patrick's Parade – Hermosa Beach

March 12 & 13 – Irish Fair Pomona Fairgrounds – Fairplex

March 15 – Tues. Police Post 381, 6:00 p.m., Panorama Post for dinner

March 17 – Thurs. St. Patrick's Day

March 18, 19 & 20 – Choir Boys "Operation Lend-a-Hand," Palm Springs

March 22 – Tues. Happy Birthday "JJ" Leonard

March 27 – Sun. Happy Birthday Piper Scott Walton

March 27 – Sun. Easter

If you have recently retired(?) you might want to check and ensure your Legion dues are still being deducted! We do not want to lose you because of a clerical mistake. And do we have your current address? Just drop the adjutant a line.

Our Brothers Still Missing

Many of our brothers who served in

the Armed Forces of this great country are unable to enjoy the freedom and liberty that their sacrifices helped to secure. Pause for a few moments to remember those brave souls who have not returned home yet. Don't ever forget them! POW/MIA. Semper Fi! "JJ"

Commander's Corner

By Richard Kalk

The Post is aggressively working towards making the 75th anniversary party a memorable event. We are planning on mailing out the invitations in the middle of March. Hopefully you will take a serious look at the importance of this historic event and participate.

I believe the 75th anniversary celebration is a chance to celebrate the service of the members of the department to their military service as well as the department. It will enable the Post to continue the support of these very worthy programs.

The price of the ticket for the event scheduled for May 20, 2005 at the Elysian Park Academy has been set at \$35. Any funds received over and above the cost of the event will be placed in our community service fund. It will be used to support the programs previously stated. I hope all members of the Post will show up for the festivities or at least support the effort.

Any inquiries about them or our 75th anniversary party or our very popular coins can be directed to me at (626) 287-1616 or Frank Ortiz at (626) 331-4271.

Hope to see you at the event.

Hello from Iraq



Here is a picture of UH-60 pilots officer Bob Mariotti (left) North Hollywood Division, and officer Pete Gillies of ASD. We are at LZ Peagesis in Baghdad. We were flying the commanding General on Election Eve. We just want to say hello to all.



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LAPD Visits Wounded Marines and Navy Personnel for the Holidays

With only three days before Christmas, more than 60 LAPD officers from Metropolitan Division volunteered their time to head south to San Diego to bring the holiday gifts and cheer to injured Marines and Navy personnel. With injuries sustained in Iraq, the wounded service personnel are recovering at Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital and Balboa Naval Hospital.

undergoing physical therapy. Electronic retailer Best Buy contributed to this great effort by providing price discounts on store products to the department. Additionally, electronics retailer Paul's TV: "The King of Big Screen" donated a 62-inch television for recuperating soldiers to enjoy.

The injured soldiers were surprised by the visit and by the generosity they



LAPD officers delivered gifts including CD player, DVD player, and hand-held games to wounded service personnel.



The visited soldiers are those currently receiving physical therapy or are waiting for further surgeries.

Close to \$13,000 was donated by Department personnel, community members, and local businesses for this special holiday gift drive. Funds were used to purchase portable electronic entertainment devices for injured soldiers in temporary hospital quarters. These soldiers are scheduled for further surgeries or are

received. Gifts included DVD, CD and MP3 players and hand-held console games. Cash gifts were also given to 13 families of the injured soldiers that were in financial need. Children of the injured received toys donated by Central Area's Community Relations Office. Additionally, the Camp Pendleton Naval



Deputy Chief Michael Hillman visits with a wounded soldier, thanking him for his efforts in Iraq.



Family members of the wounded service personnel also received warm holiday greeting from LAPD officers.

Hospital Chapel was given a flat screen plasma television.

At Balboa Naval Hospital, Deputy Chief Michael Hillmann, Special Operations Bureau, presented a check for \$2,000 to the Armed Forces YMCA and the Morale Welfare Recreation Department to assist military personnel in need of financial assistance.

"We appreciate very much what the U.S. Marine Corps and other branches of the service have been doing to be able to make life a little bit better for those here at home," said Chief Hillmann.

This outstanding effort was the idea of Senior Lead Officer Kathy McAnany, Central Area, and Officer Gary Ross, West

Traffic Division. Coordinating this effort took on special meaning as Officer McAnany is a Senior Master Sergeant at March Air Force Base, and Officer Ross serves as a Senior Master Sergeant at Edwards Air Force Base.

"These Marines are 18, 19 and 20 years old who served in Fallujah and elsewhere in Iraq and who were wounded by gunshots, explosives, and shrapnel. They shared with us the stories of the horrors they had seen. There was not a dry eye that day," said Officer McAnany. "It was a very emotional day as our officers sat and talked with these injured heroes," added Officer McAnany. "This was the best day of my career."



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Veterans corner

Ramsey, N.J. Police Officer Steven McNicholas Enroute to Iraq

On January 3, 2005, Lt. I McNicholas, USAR, and his unit departed for McGuire AFB aboard a Ryan Air B757, their destination Kuwait and then Iraq where they will remain for up to 18 months.

The New Jersey National Guard's 50th Main Support Battalion was activated in June 2004 for Iraqi deployment under Operation Iraqi Freedom. On June 11, 2004, Lt. I McNicholas, Convoy Commander (shown), led the last of two convoys from the Teaneck Armory for Ft. Dix, N.J., where they were to undergo three months of specialized training.



Photo by JP Tristani

Lt. I Steve McNicholas

The 200 battalion members repair trucks, drive soldiers, program missile guidance systems, set up small field hospitals, and coordinate other support services. They range in age from early 20s to mid-50s. The vast majority are from north Jersey. About 4,000 National Guard troops from New Jersey have been deployed overseas.

McNicholas is a veteran of the USAF and came to Ramsey after serving 11 years with the Los Angeles Police Department. He completed his bachelor's degree in Aviation Management as a USAF Sergeant and graduated Seton Hall University with an MBA in Education, Supervision and Administration. He has been with the Ramsey Police Department for the past 10 and a half years.

McNicholas rejoined the military

reserve and was commissioned a Lt. II In the N.J. Army Guard, Armor, shortly after the 9/11 attacks. He was immediately activated and was assigned with his platoon to guarding the Holland Tunnel. He was subsequently sent to Ft. Knox for five months training as a Tank Commander. He has since been activated twice more: guarding Newark Liberty Airport and most recently as the Executive Officer of a 35-man unit guarding the southern N.J. nuclear facility. With this current activation, he will serve as member of the U.S. Army in the Operation Iraqi Freedom for a period not to exceed 545 days.

McNicholas resides in Waldwick with his wife Fran an H.P. executive, and their three sons, Steve, 11, Billy, 7 and Jack, 3. Prior to embarkation, he wrote the following "letter to Ramsey residents":

January 3, 2005

Dear Ramsey residents,

I thought I would take the time to say goodbye for now and thank you.

On July 27, 1994, I swore in as a police officer in your town. Prior to coming to Ramsey, I had spent nearly 11 years as a Los Angeles police officer. Of course, the Borough of Ramsey is far different from the police work I experienced in Los Angeles. One big difference was the friendships I made with the citizens of this nice town called Ramsey, New Jersey.

One day, I was driving in my police car and I was advised that a large aircraft had just slammed into the World Trade Center in New York City. You see, I had experienced riots and earthquakes and criminal activity, but none of that prepared me for what we now know as September 11, 2001.

On September 21, 2001, I obtained a commission in the United States Army National Guard. I was 40 years old, and the oldest officer candidate in my class. Nevertheless, with my commission I felt a timely response to the worst attack against our country in United

States history. As a received my commission, I remembered back to that tragic day of 9/11.

As I drove my police car down Island Road, I saw two women apparently consoling each other. I later found out that more than one Ramsey resident had lost a loved one in the attack. My resolve had been solidified that day, and my feelings were validated. I knew what was going to happen and what I had to do.

Now I am going to Iraq in support of the War on Terror. I leave my wife and my three young sons ages 11, 7, and 2. However, I have solace in the thoughts

that I go off to fight this war in my honor and your sons or daughters may never have to.

I have always felt that the Thin Blue Line and freedom is far from free, and I know that the toll can be dear. So I would like to say again goodbye for now and please keep me in your prayers, as I will always keep you in mine.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as a police officer. I am looking forward to serving you again when I return from Iraq.

— Steve McNicholas

Maria C. Garcia, Master Sergeant, United States Air Force Reserve 452nd Air Mobility Wing

How many times have you asked yourself how it is that our armed forces are able to deliver all that equipment to our troops in Iraq?

Well, among ourselves we have one of those individuals responsible to get that task accomplished. Senior Clerk Typist Maria Cristina Garcia from the Foreign Prosecution Liaison Unit, Fugitive Warrant Section, Detective Support Division, is a Reserve Master Sergeant with the United States Air Force's 452nd Air Mobility Wing, stationed at March Air Force Base in Riverside. Maria has been deployed to Qatar with the 379 Air Expeditionary



Maria Garcia



Maria (second from left) and her squad.

Wing where she is supervising the loading and unloading of all the C-17 Air Transport planes. Thanks to her and her squad, our troops get their tanks, Hummers, Bradleys, cannons and

believe it or not, even ships for the United States Coast Guard are delivered by them. She will be deployed for three months providing needed support to our troops. God bless them all!

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Beyond the Badge

Leading Questions — West Point Leadership Program's Mike Sayre Offers Some Answers

by Jillian O'Connor
Special to the Thin Blue Line

"Leadership has always been a passion of mine," says Sgt. Mike Sayre, noting that studying the lives of historical leaders, particularly military leaders, has been a long-time hobby. So when he was given the opportunity to head up Los Angeles Police Department's West Point Leadership Program and be a program instructor, he jumped at it.

Prior to taking on this challenge, Sayre had taught criminal justice courses at Moorpark College and the Delinquency Control Institute at USC, as well as fulfilling his duties as a firearms instructor at the LAPD. But, says Sayre, "[The West Point Leadership Program] was a level up from the teaching I'd done in the past."

As a firearms instructor, Sayre says he taught "one person to protect his life." He finds teaching the LAPD's West Point Leadership Program more rewarding because the lessons learned here will over time affect many more people.

The West Point Leadership Program was first developed by the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in the 1970s to address a perceived failure in leadership during the Vietnam War. To remedy this, the Department of Behavioral Sciences

and Leadership was developed, bringing together theories of psychology, sociology and behavioral sciences to bear on this crucial subject.

In the wake of the Rodney King incident in 1991, the LAPD found itself in a similar situation, with public confidence in the Department's leadership at a low point. Following up on the Christopher Commission's recommendation that "leaders as well as administrators... should receive formal leadership training," Police Commissioner Jesse A. Brewer contacted the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. As a former colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, Brewer correctly predicted that military leadership training could be adapted to address the needs of a paramilitary organization like the LAPD.

In 1994, five members of the LAPD, including Deputy Chief Rick Dinsen, Commanders John Moran and George Gascon, Sgt. Stanley Lemelle and Sayre's predecessor in charge of the West Point Leadership and Command Program, Lt. Kathleen Sheehan, participated in a faculty development workshop on leadership at West Point. Upon returning home to Los Angeles, they adapted and expanded the program to become the 136-hour West Point Leadership Program that exists today. Since that first class in 1996, more than 600 students, sworn and civilian,

from inside and outside the department, have completed the training. In addition, experts from across the country have been enlisted as guest instructors. The program is approved by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training and is accredited with California State University Los Angeles for bachelor's and master's degree credits.

The principal aim of the West Point Leadership Program is to teach people to think more systematically about leadership, challenges and situations using 27 behavioral science and adult education theories compiled from top universities in the nation. Putting theory into practice, students are required to develop case studies in which they use what they've learned to solve the types of leadership problems they will likely face in their careers. In addition, the students are subjected to an anonymous analysis submitted by approximately 20 co-workers, including supervisors, peers and subordinates. While that may on its face seem like an uncomfortable exercise, Sayre points out that in the private sector, businesses pay thousands of dollars for similar studies. "We do it for our students as part of the initial tuition."

Sayre himself went through the program in 2001 and has been passing along the knowledge he gained there ever since. "Ultimately," he says, "leadership is leading people to accomplish certain goals, whether it's touchdowns or crime stats, you're motivating people to make a difference."

Over the course of four weeks, Sayre and his staff of teachers and guest lecturers provide students with the building blocks of effective leadership, including lessons on "Power and Influence," "Group Cohesion," "Ethical Leadership and Values," and "Transformational Leadership." But while these courses may seem to emanate from the Ivory Tower, Sayre says the program is pragmatic at its core.

"What this is all about is treating people right. It's not brain surgery or curing cancer." While climbing the law enforcement career ladder can bring out the Machiavelli in a person, what's really required in police work is what Sayre calls "selfless leadership." "Your job is to champion the needs of the people and the organization and help other people be their own heroes," he says.

The West Point Leadership Program systematically teaches students that "power and leadership is a social arrangement between the leader and the led." To



Sgt. Mike Sayre

make that relationship work, the program offers specific tools for leaders to use to encourage and support those under them to do their best. At its best, this kind of leadership will result in what Sayre calls "internalization" when the goals of the leader become the goals of the led. He gives an example of "internalization" at work by describing an incident in which a West Point Leadership Program graduate was on vacation when a problem occurred at work and "his people carried on just as if he were there standing right over them."

The ultimate goal of the program is open ended, in that students are encouraged to continue their leadership training independently, beyond graduation day, says Sayre. Even years after their graduation, some former students will occasionally check in with him to discuss challenges they're currently facing on the job and possible solutions. He also notes that graduates of the West Point Leadership Program have gone on to help reorganize the department. Even for an expert like Sayre, the learning never ends. "I learn from every single class, personally and professionally."

It seems others are eager to share that experience. Right now the West Point Leadership Program is able to pass out pins and challenge coins to just 90 graduates a year, with a two-year waiting list filled with the names of LAPD personnel, as well as police officers and civilians from across the country. For more information on applying to the West Point Leadership Program, contact Sgt. Michael Sayre or Officer Sherri Egan, West Point Leadership Program, Continuing Education Division, at (213) 485-3163.

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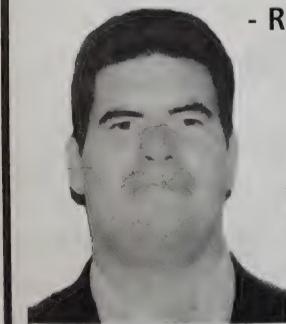
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Divisional reporter

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Southern Tip

By Cumbia Cop
Harbor Division

Greetings

Here's the recap of the first two transfer orders for 2005: In DP #1, PIII **Anna Rivera** came from Southeast Division to the Tip as a Det. I. Also in was Det. II **Dennis Lada** from Pacific Division. In from Southeast Division was Det. I **William Smith**, and PIII **Walter McMahon**. In from Hollenbeck Division is the Pedro Boy, PII **James Biazovich**, and four brand newbies from the academy were Pls **Randy Espinoza**, **David McKenna**, **Jeffrey Rivera** and **Pierre Vieillemaringe**. Those that left us were Lt. II **Phillip Tingirides**, now working Metropolitan Division; Det. I **Charles Baley** left us for Narcotics Division; P II **Jack Rizzotto** is gone to Southeast Division; PIIs **Gregory Jacks** and **Jeff Joyce** are gone to 77th Division; PII **Jacob Avalos** went to Central Division.

In DP #2, PIII **Steven Muirhead** upgraded to P3+1. Det. III **Marcella Piersol** from Juvenile Division joined us as a Lt. I. PIII **Katherine Mayer** arrived from Southeast division as a Det. I. Coming from 77th Division was Lt. I **Roger Murphy**, now a Lt. 2. PII **Thomas Baran** comes back from 77th Division. Also returning home were PIIs **Santino Abbate**, **Charles Barrett**, **Adriana Bravo**, **Marian Chamberlain**, **Leanne Hoffman**,

all from Southwest Division.

Leaving the Tip was Sgt. II **Andy Simon** who went off to North Hollywood Division as a Lt. I; Lt. I **Rigoberto Romero** shipped off to 77th Division. PIIs **Joe Broussard**, **John Burg**, **Dario Machado**, and **Stephen Mother** all packed their bags for Southeast Division. PII **Alejandro Lopez** headed out to Wilshire Division. Welcome, so long, congratulations, and good luck to all of you!

Stories from Abroad

The turmoil still rages in the Middle East, and we have plenty of brothers and sisters in law enforcement who served proudly in Iraq and elsewhere. From Harbor, we have PIII **Thomas Cleary** who finally made it home last February, 2004, from the deserts of Iraq. He was initially at



Officer Cleary and 77th Division officer at a campsite.

West L.A. Division when mobilized for a tour in Afghanistan. He completed his tour and came back with a transfer to Harbor Division. Several months later, Officer Cleary was deployed to Iraq as a platoon sergeant and squad leader for an army combat military police unit. While in Iraq, his unit spent a year assisting with operations in POW camps, Iraqi jails and



Officer Cleary on a mission, stopped at Abraham's tomb.

prisons, convoy escorts, and other various missions. Officer Cleary says his unit was there from the start of the war down in Basra and pushed their way up through Baghdad. Upon returning from his tour in Iraq, he started back to work at the Tip and is also battling some injuries from the war and prior IOD injuries. A big heartfelt thank you to Officer Cleary and his unit for their dedication to protecting and serving abroad as well as here in L.A.

Reminder

Don't forget that the old Harbor Division is soon to be demolished and a new station is to be built in its place! For anyone who is interested, a Harbor Station Commemorative Poster is now on



Rain, rain, go away, send the repairman, today!

sale. Proceeds benefit the Harbor Station Fund. A poster is available to view in the Harbor Station roll call room, along with order forms. They are quite nice and inexpensive. Any questions, contact Sgt. **Bart Landsman** in the Harbor Area administration office or CRO.

In Closing

December and January had some crazy rainstorms, and wouldn't you know it, we sprang a few leaks in the station. But since we're going to build a new station, do you think they'll come out and fix the leaks? Who knows?! Thank goodness Area Office Clerk Typist **Lourdes Carciello** had the handy umbrella nearby.

Until next time, don't forget to be safe, be sound, be smart, be sure, and keep on dancing (and singing in the rain)! ♦

you may not always have a sworn officer on the telephone. Although PSR has a good grasp of police jargon, at times you might have to explain a little more.

It's Your Communications Center

Patrol is a busy place these days and time is always critical. However, Communications Division always welcomes officers to drop by either Dispatch Center, observe how calls are prioritized and dispatched, and to answer any questions. We also welcome any suggestions as we strive to provide the best possible service to field officers. This is particularly useful to new officers who only receive a brief communications orientation while in the Academy.

Communications Display at Police Museum

The L.A. Police Historical Society with the assistance of **Tim Cruz**, coordinator of Procurement and Technical Innovations for the museum, has put together a great

First to Know, Last to Go!

Department Command Post & Communications Div.

by Lt. Charles Mealey
Communications EUM Division

Bridge Solution

Communications Division employees have been in the midst of a major upgrade of the communications system. During DP I, all the Valley Communications Dispatch Center (VCDC) folks have been working at the Metro Dispatch Center. During DP II, everyone will be at the VCDC and the Metro Center will be dark. These changes will allow for technical upgrades at both centers in order to become a truly redundant communications system. These changes should be transparent to field officers.

DCP

The Department Command Post continues to operate with a combination of sworn and civilian PSRs. This team approach seems to be working very well. As you know, the PSRs are very detail-oriented and follow procedures to the letter. Sworn officers tend to think "outside of the box." If you call the DCP,



Communications proudly displays our flag.

display of old Communications Division equipment. If you get a chance to check out the museum, don't forget to see the old radio gear on display. It's hard to believe we actually used that stuff! ♦

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Divisional reporter



by Floyd Toledo
Hollywood Division

In-N-Outs

Transfer order #2 saw these veteran officers leave us for less greener pastures. Gone is Sgt. I G. Rueda to NE, and PII S. Disabato to WLA. Soon to be enriching their careers are arrivals PIIs J. Dunster and J. Fillmore from DEV, M. Tilden from NEWT, G. Blanco from RAMP, and B. Goodkin from VNY.

Honors – The Civilian of the Year

The Civilian of the Year for 2004 is Eileen Edlarosa. A veteran of this Department for 15 years, she is a very important part of the administrative section of the Hollywood Area. She proof-reads administrative assignments for the supervisors and helps officers with any problems that they might have. She has been Capt. Downing's secretary for almost three years and keeps his divisional calendar on track. Eileen is never too busy to answer questions and does it with her great smile. Hollywood Area congratulations and honors you, Eileen.

Officer of the Year

The Officer of the Quarter for 2004 is P.O. III Paul Jordan. Officer Jordan is currently assigned as the Training Officer in



P.O. III Paul Jordan

Hollywood Patrol. Jordan is a great role model for all the probationary police officers in the Hollywood Area. Jordan embodies the highest standards of the Department and fulfills its mission in the



Supervisor of the year, Sgt. Andrew Garcia.

Sgt. Andrew Garcia. Sgt. Garcia is currently the supervisor of the Hollywood Gang Enforcement Unit. Sgt. Garcia was assigned to the Hollywood Area from 1991 to 1996 as a police officer. He then went to Newton Division, Metropolitan Division, and then promoted to the rank of sergeant.

This year has been tough for all the Gang Units in the LAPD. They are under great scrutiny and immense pressure to come into the consent decree compliance very quickly. The Hollywood Gang Unit managed to come into 100% consent decree compliance in 2004. The Hollywood Gang Enforcement Unit also led the city the entire year in gang crime reduction, 65%. Sgt. Andrew Garcia is deserving of the honor of Supervisor of the Year for 2004.

Community Protectors

This award is given to the detective whose yearlong efforts have impacted the community in a positive way. This year's recipients are Officers Michael Ruiz and Sammy Cruz for their unselfish willingness to make the community of Hollywood a safer place for all to live and work. Assigned to the RACT Unit, they have ensured that all of the 150 Hollywood sex offenders are registered and in compliance with state mandates. Every one of these offenders is being tracked and monitored daily by this dynamic duo. Hollywood Detectives proudly honor Officers Ruiz and Cruz.

An Attempt at Humor

Recently, a boot officer came strolling through the Detectives area. He noticed that old guy Det. Pinnaro (33 years on job) had a brand-new holster on his belt. "What type of gun do you old guys carry in those holsters?" he asked. Pinnaro responded, "I call it my grandfather Glock."

Homeland Security

Recently Tom Ridge, director of Homeland Security, visited our area. Wishing to secure the best of security, he surrounded himself with L.A.'s finest.

From left to right are: Councilman



Tom Ridge, Director of Homeland Security.

professional performance of his work. He consistently leads the division in productivity. Hollywood Patrol congratulations and honors Officer Paul Jordan as Officer of the Year!

Supervisor of the Year

The Supervisor of the Year for 2004 is

Tom Labonge, SLO Officers Chuck Moore, Vince Aguirre, Mike Shea, Officer Catherine Massey, Chief Bratton, Mayor Hahn, Tom Ridge, Officers Brian Milan and Paula Davison, SLO Officers John Washington, Joey Bunch, Dale Hickerson, and Officer Francis Boateng. ♦

Out of the Great Southwest

by Terri Scott
Southwest Division

Ins, None. Outs:

Huge. Congratulations to PIII Geneva Haynes, newly promoted to Detective. We're happy for her, but very sad to see her leave. She has been at Southwest so long (20 years) she's kind of like a fixture. She has demonstrated a no-nonsense, straightforward positive attitude and will make an outstanding detective at her new home with Wilshire. Good luck, Det. Haynes. Thank you for your dedication and hard work at Southwest. You go, "G."

Also on the way out is Sgt. Al Carbonara and Officer Al (Mr. Morning



Det. Dena Johnson, PSR Betty Clark, Stevie Wonder, Det. Gena Brooks.



Sgt. Al Carbonara.



Det. Geneva Haynes and Sgt. Frank Anguiano.

Watch) Villaneda to the ever so popular Hollenbeck Division. (It took Al approx. three years to get there.) Additionally, Det. Kenneth White to DSD, Officer April Harding to PIO, Officer Juan Garcia to RAMP, and Officer Joseph Kirby to SE. Good luck to everybody.

PSR Betty (Boop) Clark will be leaving shortly to Communication Division before retirement. She has been with Southwest Detectives for 10 years. We will miss you very much. Thank you for your outstanding service with Southwest.

Our annual Martin Luther King Day Parade in Southwest went off without any major incidents thanks to everyone's proactive work in the field.

Commendable Caper

A huge thanks to alert Officers Nicole Gardner and Brian Calicchia who observed a male fitting the description of an armed robbery suspect committing numerous robberies in the Baldwin Village area. They conducted a ped stop and obtained an ID, which later led to a photo lineup with numerous victims identifying the detained suspect. CCO Officers Charles Schlund and Alex Rodriguez assisted with numerous citizens coming in and identifying the above suspect in the photo lineup prepared. While preparing a warrant and taking photos at the named suspect's residence, Officers Jose Campos and Jason Azeiptia observed him in his front yard and he was arrested without incident. This was a good example of teamwork and alert officers working hard in Southwest.

Southwest Area Sergeant Saves a Baby's Life

On January 25, 2005, at 0845 hours, Sgt. Frank Anguiano, #25607, was buying a meal from a catering truck in the rear of Southwest Station when he was suddenly called into action. A motorist drove into the station parking lot and

screamed out for help. Sgt. Anguiano learned from the motorist that a vehicle had hit a small child. The incident had just occurred and was less than a block from the police station. He could hear the screams of a woman in distress, and ran down the street to help. When he arrived, he found a panicking mother holding a lifeless child. The 2-year-old was not breathing and showed serious trauma from a traffic collision. Sgt. Anguiano was able to enlist a bystander into restraining the mother, while he started CPR on the child. He was able to bring the child back to life through his efforts. Paramedics responded and transported the child to USC Medical Center where he was admitted in critical condition. The collision investigation revealed that the child had run into the street and was struck by a motorist that had no time to avoid the child. The toddler sustained a bruised lung, a hairline fracture to the spine, and a broken clavicle. Sgt. Anguiano visited the child at Children's Hospital and was told he is expected to make a full recovery.

A Thank You to Patrol

On January 17, Southwest Area captains sponsored a barbecue especially for Southwest Patrol Officers due to their outstanding, tireless hard work in reducing crime in Southwest Division. Capt. Jackson's Station motto for Southwest: Happiness consists in activity!

A quick shout out to Det. John Parra working our Gang Detective Unit for letting me continually borrow (and I'll use that term loosely) their camera for pictures around the station. Also to Officer Evan Gueverra for assisting me with getting the Blue Line organized. ♦

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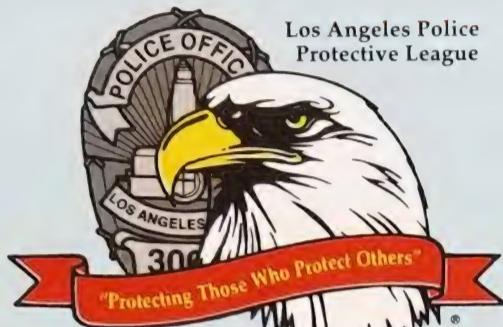


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Proposed Pension Fix

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By Bob



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Why Law Enforcement Needs to be Engaged

Under Governor Schwarzenegger's plan, every law enforcement agency and officer will feel the effects of the pension proposal. The new plan would end retirement security for new officers. In addition, all ancillary benefits provided by the retirement system, such as service and non-service disability retirements and death benefits for surviving spouses, would end.

For example, an LAPD officer injured on the job and whose disability prevented him or her from working as a police officer, would only receive the meager benefits of worker's compensation. He could not access the money in his retirement account until age 59 and a half. (*You can't get an early distribution from a retirement account without paying taxes and penalties.*) The officer would not get the service-connected disability retirement that at present provides for a lifetime retirement payment, with the first half tax-free.

The family of an officer killed in the line of duty would receive only the proceeds the officer saved in his "defined contribution" account, as opposed to the current system, which provides a lifetime payment to the surviving spouse. All benefits to families of officers killed in the line of duty would be eliminated.

LAPD has a critical mission: to keep L.A. streets safe, our neighborhoods crime free and to maintain the dignity and integrity of our force. In order to accomplish these important goals, we need new officers, and Schwarzenegger's initiative places a huge obstacle in our ability to attract, recruit and retain qualified personnel.

Current officers have a responsibility to the law enforcement community, and

we cannot turn our backs on future generations of police officers. Future generations of officers need to be nurtured, mentored and taught by officers who have a committed investment in their careers. As officers, we must provide the type of environment necessary that will not only motivate young officers, but also retain them in our ranks. As you all are aware, we are experiencing a police officer shortage and the only way to remedy the situation is to create a law enforcement community that truly cares for each other and has each other's back. We cannot turn our backs on the future and simply choose "not to care" about this critical pension issue. LAPD has a huge stake in this issue, the city of Los Angeles has a huge stake in this issue, and our families have a huge stake in this issue. We must fight for quality, equality and the integrity that have long been the tenets of our fraternal order. Apathy is not an option. We simply must care.

New officers understand that as public servants they are embarking on a profession where making a difference, and not a hefty paycheck, is the compensation. However, officers currently have the comfort of knowing that if they were injured or slain in the line of duty, the city would take care of them and their families. Under the governor's plan, the state essentially turns its back on law enforcement and flagrantly disregards the contributions and sacrifices that officers do day in and day out. It breaks the bond of mutual responsibility between those who protect public safety and public safety officers, it eliminates any *quid pro quo* from those that they serve. ♦

If Governor Schwarzenegger gets his way on public pensions, he'd better bring some money the next time he attends a police funeral. That's because his "pension reforms" would leave the family of a slain officer nearly destitute.

Currently, the family of an officer killed in the line of duty gets a survivor benefit from the pension system. That seems the least society can do, in view of the sacrifice made, and, of course, the families of military personnel killed in the line of duty are similarly provided for. Under Schwarzenegger's plan, however, fairness, decency and gratitude will all get swept under the balance sheet. If his plan is adopted, all the family would receive is a funeral. Whatever money the officer managed to save in his or her 401(k) plan would be all his family was left to live on, since there would be no survivor benefits.

This swift kick to the curb wouldn't just stop with fallen officers. Disabled officers would fare no better. Schwarzenegger's plan would eliminate disability retirements. Instead, like the slain officer's family, an officer disabled on the job would receive only the money he had saved in his 401(k) plan. It doesn't matter if he's taken a bullet to the spine and needs round-the-clock care. He'll have to get by on his 401(k).

You would think that such callousness would at least have enormous measurable results. But no, this poorly conceived "bill of ills" does nothing to fix any of the existing problems in the public pension system, let alone the state's wider fiscal malaise. It flies in the face of the fact that independently managed and funded pension plans make sound business sense. Worse, it could actually increase costs rather than cut them.

Providing disability insurance and life insurance to law enforcement officers in the new 401(k) world could very easily cost as much or more than funding their pensions. Public employees who are disabled and forced to leave the work force could even end up on public assistance, like anyone else whose investment returns were weak.



IS IN JEOPARDY

Unfair to Police Officers

Los Angeles Daily News

By Bob Baker

It is also depressing to consider how law enforcement, fire safety or any other hazardous state job will fare in recruiting after the pension system is abolished. Imagine future public servants contemplating their prospects: "The pay's not great, but at least I get a pension...unless I'm shot at, injured or killed before my 401(k) can let me retire, in which case I'll end up on welfare." How inspiring!

The governor's idea is also at odds with the most fundamental common sense. Pension plan funds are invested and grow with the economy — the same concept underlying President Bush's proposals for Social Security. Over time, pension plans bring significant returns, and the government gets a free ride by not having to invest a penny in their growth.

The savings touted by Schwarzenegger and Assemblyman Keith Richman (R-Granada Hills) are "pie in the sky" guesses. If you doubt this, call them and ask for written details on how much money will be saved by going to a different system. However, such examples are the result of irresponsible decisions by politicians, not by the employees and retirees of the public pension systems, and also not of the nature of pension systems in general. The poster child is the city of San Diego. San Diego's troubles began when the mayor and City Council actually borrowed millions of dollars from their pension system to pay for the 1996 Republican National Convention!

Using state pensions in a shell game to create the illusion of fixing the state budget is not just deceptive, it is fiscally irresponsible.

We all agree that it's high time for elected officials to fix their financial mistakes themselves. Destroying a pension system that is overwhelmingly successful seems a perverse way of going about such an important task.

Bob Baker is President of the Los Angeles Police Protective League. ♦



What You Can Do to Fight This Pension Grab

All supporters of public safety need to educate friends and family about this important issue. Feel free to contact your state representatives and communicate your strong opposition to the pension plan and initiative. We need to inundate Sacramento with e-mails, letters and phone calls so that our unwavering opposition is firmly conveyed. ♦

Be Careful When Asked to Sign Petition

Assemblyman Keith Richman and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association are sponsoring the initiative for the November ballot similar to Schwarzenegger's pension plan. The Jarvis group plans to put its proposal on a statewide ballot if the California Legislature does not act/pass on the governor's pension initiative. The Jarvis group will need to gather thousands of signatures in order to get their proposal on the ballot.

Be careful what you sign when approached by any petition gatherer. The people who may be gathering signatures for the Jarvis organization often are pro-

fessionals who may be collecting signatures for issues you support. If any signature gatherers use deceptive tactics, please let us know. Our advice is simple: "Carefully read the actual piece of paper you are signing."

We anticipate the Jarvis group targeting conservative groups for their signatures. In the past, law enforcement has historically been a supporter of many Jarvis-sponsored measures. We can assume that the petition gatherers Jarvis Association will portray their petition as innocuous in order to garner their needed signatures and support. ♦

California is Targeting Your Pensions for Use as a Tool in "Reforming" Government

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has introduced a new pension proposal that will make it difficult to attract new officers. Worse than just recruitment, it threatens the future of law enforcement by eliminating the financial security for all new officers in perpetuity.

Under the governor's initiative, pensions will be replaced by 401(k) plans requiring individual contributions. Not only does this remove the financial security net under all of us, but this also means that disability benefits, and even worse, death benefits to families of slain officers will be "terminated."

The governor's plan has no survivor benefits or disability benefits. If a cop is killed on duty under the new plan, his family only gets what he saved in his retirement plan, regardless of how small that amount is. Similarly, an officer injured on duty and unable to return to work will be shown the door, and it is an open question if he can receive any money from his retirement plan before he is age 59 and a half.

The claim is that the new plan will save money, but in truth it will cost more. There are increased administrative costs in a defined contribution plan. The current pension plan will suffer as no new employees, and their corresponding contributions, are added to the retirement system. The proposal could also dramatically increase the pressure on California's fragile safety net, as employees will likely

outlive the money they manage to save, or worse, neglect to save at all.

The governor claims that his sweeping proposal will be the fiscal fix to California's ailing budget. The facts don't support the governor's claims. The governor wants law enforcement and public servants to carry the burden for politicians' financial irresponsibility. We risk our lives on a daily basis and it is appalling that Schwarzenegger is now asking us to sacrifice our families' emotional and financial security.

The governor's plan could be the death knell to professional law enforcement. Qualified police officers may be forced to leave or never enter this profession because it will not provide for the well-being of their families. Public service has long been a noble calling and the governor is disregarding our dedication, integrity and sacrifice with a pension proposal that is an insult to our profession.

We will be asking for your support as we begin an aggressive opposition campaign to garner attention for this critical issue. We must tell the governor that his plan is a hard slap in the face to the brave men and women in law enforcement. More importantly, we need to ensure that California doesn't shirk its civic responsibility and turn its back on us. Schwarzenegger's plan doesn't just put the safety of our fellow officers in danger, but that of an entire state. ♦

LEAGUE EDITORIAL

Statement of LAPPL On Officer Involved Shooting

LOS ANGELES, February 7, 2005 – In response to the officer-involved shooting of a 13-year-old auto-theft suspect, Los Angeles Police Protective League President Bob Baker issued the following statement:

The shooting of 13-year-old Devin Brown is a tragedy for many people, principally the victim, but also his family, friends and the police officer who shot him. Every time an LAPD officer shoots at someone, hit or miss, a series of investigations take place. Most of the time, this goes unreported, but careful analysis of these incidents within the Department helps police specialists learn and train officers even better so as to decrease the risk of harm to both suspects and police officers in the future.

For a police officer in the field, each day is laden with fear and doubt. Many situations could end in death. The fear of never seeing one's loved ones lives in the heart of a Los Angeles police officer as closely as the gun on his or her hip.

Few people fully understand what it's like to have to make a split-second decision on which one's life – or someone else in the community – may depend when someone takes a hostile action against a police officer or suddenly points a weapon at him. This is a reality that police officers face every day. Police officers are trained to make as balanced

a judgment as possible, but it must be immediate. They must not shoot without making that judgment, even though even a fraction of a second's delay could cost them their lives or injure or kill someone in the community.

LAPD officers recognize and respect the value and dignity of every person. Investing law enforcement officers with the lawful authority to use force to protect the public welfare, a careful balancing of all human interests is required.

There are no absolutes in a confrontation with a suspect. If officers pursue a suspect and they perceive a threat to themselves or the community – whether a suspect is driving at them in a car or the person brandishes a weapon – it might be necessary to use deadly force to stop the suspect. LAPD officers understand that deadly force can only be used when it is reasonable and necessary to protect the officer or others from an imminent danger of death or serious physical injury to the officer or another person.

When looking at this Officer Involved Shooting, let's not lose sight of the fact that every day officers use non-deadly force when it reasonably appears to be sufficient to accomplish an arrest or otherwise accomplish the law enforcement purpose.

The fact is that when officers hesitate

in taking action, they often get severely injured or even killed. Officers also have to think about the safety of others within the community, as hesitating could also endanger them. The use of force is an integral part of a law enforcement officer's job, particularly when arresting criminal suspects. Each situation is unique. It is not disputed that law enforcement officers are permitted to protect themselves and others

from threats to their safety. The fact is that good judgment and the circumstances of each situation dictate the level force an LAPD officer will use to make an arrest.

Today, we all grieve for Devin Brown and for his family. On many other days, we grieve for fallen officers. Let's show our officers the support they need so they know they can count on us, just as we count on them. ♦

LAPPL Disappointed City Council Does Not Support Ballot Proposal To Fund More Police

LOS ANGELES, February 9, 2005 – After the Half Cent Sales tax initiative narrowly missed approval on a 9-3 vote in the Los Angeles City Council (with 10 votes needed for passage), Los Angeles Police Protective League President Bob Baker issued the following statement:

We are disappointed that a small handful of Councilmembers think 1/2 cent is too much to give Los Angeles adequate law enforcement, fire protection and programs for at-risk youth. Although we have the best law enforcement and firefighters in the country, there comes a point where our efforts cannot be good enough if there are not enough of us on duty protecting our residents.

If anything, the tragic death of Devin Brown this week should have demonstrated to the council how important it is that we get additional funding for programs for at-risk youth. Devin, who had recently lost his father and had been sliding into juvenile delinquency, is just the kind of kid who could have been saved if adequate programming had been in place to take him off the streets.

The Council has the option to take this initiative up again on Friday. We strongly urge council members to reevaluate their positions and take a stand for making Los Angeles a safer city for all of its residents. ♦

LAPPL ACTION REPORT

Protecting Our Members

	January 2005	Year to Date
Roll Outs	9	9
Claims opened in League Legal Claims Unit	60	60
Boards of Rights assigned	2	2
Grievances opened	3	3
Grievances closed	2	2
Total grievances open	42	-
Open Meet and Confers	1	19
One hour legal referrals	51	51

NOTICE: The LAPPL is affiliated with the following organizations on the national and state level.

IUPA International Union of Police Associations, A.F.L.-C.I.O., representing over 100,000 police officer members in Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Alaska and the continental U.S. in 580 locals.

NAPO National Association of Police Organizations representing nearly 220,000 police officer members in 4,000 police associations nationwide.

CCLEA California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations representing 28 California police officer associations.

SCALE Southern California Alliance of Law Enforcement representing 10 police officer associations.

BIG 11 An informal association of the 11 largest sworn law enforcement associations in the State of California.

BIG 50 An informal association of the 50 largest law enforcement associations in the United States.

THIN BLUE LINE 2005 DEADLINES

April 2005 Issue	Tuesday, March 1, 2005
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Divisional reporter

TRAFFIC TALK

by Rudy Baca
South Traffic Division

Divisional Greetings

Greetings South Traffic. This is our last *Blue Line* together. Don't blame me if I forgot to mention you. Maybe your new division will allow you to be the Divisional Reporter. Welcome aboard Sgt. Samuel Mark from Southeast Division and congratulations to newly appointed Motor Sgt. Arturo Gomez who will be transferring in from Northeast Division. We look forward to working and riding with you.

South Traffic Legend

Retires

First mention is PIII+I Joseph "Jody" Gryder. Jody is outta here. He's southbound through the houses on his way to Tennessee. Why Tennessee? Squirrel. Some of the best pistol squirrel shooting competition in the world. And not to mention the delicious possum pie. Before he left, we all tried to convince Jody that making moonshine is not allowed in any of the 50 states. This past January, we celebrated his retirement with a potluck luncheon. Bitsy, Jody's wife, attended the luncheon and heard stories of Jody's exciting police career.

A well-deserved retirement after 32



El protector with Jody.

years and seven months. Jody entered the Police Academy in July of 1972. After graduation, he completed his probation in 77th Division and later moved on to South Traffic Division. Early in his career he became an expert in traffic investigation. He spent his last 17 years assigned to South Traffic Division.

Hundreds of traffic officers have had the honor of learning from the best. Not just in law enforcement, but in the United States Army where Jody served in active duty from 1969 to 1972. He continued his military career in the Army Reserve and retired in 1992 as Lieutenant Colonel. Thank you for all the great memories and all the hard work. We wish you a well-deserved retirement.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Saturday, March 5, 2005. The official "Let's just get it on" retirement party for Jody. Location: Holiday Inn in Torrance; 1900 hours. Cost: \$45, includes meal, tip, tax and gift. See Det. Greg Davis for tickets.

(Editor's Note: the Board of Directors thanks Jody and his family for his many years of dedicated service as a League



Heidi reporting for duty in Costa Rica.

Delegate and wishes him many happy years in retirement.)

Costa Rican Division

While on a recent surf trip to Costa Rica, Officer Heidi Stoecklein and her husband, Officer Kurt Stoecklein, braved through lush rainforests, tropical beaches, and discovered the department's newest international satellite station located in Los Angeles, Costa Rica. Based on the photo, she attempted to change her vacation day to a regular workday. Her excuse: that she was posing as an undercover officer.

While she was there, she was asked to handle a burro versus ped that collided with a grass hut. The point of impact was incorrectly measured due to her unfamiliarity with the local protocol. Heidi was quickly reminded of the metric system in Central America. Heidi was convinced that she would come back, until she found out that there isn't a Starbucks in Costa.

Message Buffet

Ron Mosley is selling a Blue Harley Davidson Heritage Springer. Make an offer.

Ruben Mendoza can't figure out why

he has concrete on boots.
Harold Hills is still looking for runners.

Arthur Simms will go to Cleveland PD.

Pablo Rivera makes tons of cabbage playing cards.

Pedro Argueta is training to be a casino card dealer.

Rogelio Pio is training to be an ultimate cage fighter.

Dennis Duran has made millions on Red Bull stock.

Sgt. Orlando Green was seen wearing a short sleeve uniform shirt.

Jerome Calhoun came across a few people he did not know.

"Too Tall" Roberts is still growing.
While on vacation Jesse Revega grew his hair out.

K-Day is back and hired "Robo" Roberson as the morning deejay.

John Dalbey gave a warning then changed his mind, wrote the violator anyways.

New book out this month, *Me and Fishing*, autobiography by Ray "lure" Banker. Next month *Fishing and Landscaping* by Tony "Catfish" Morris, published by Artie.

Ben Zucker has ordered a first aid trauma kit for his garage.

Dwayne "D-dub" Wilson is helping Ben install it.

Frank Lopez is a surfer dude by morning and Motor Cop dude by night.

Bobby "The Body" Casteel knows everybody in Southeast has a knife.

Miguel Malone and Ramon Denton, your AreoMexico pilots license work permits are up for renewal.

Jimmy Stout says I'm his brother?

Kyle Lee and Deshon Hortion are not brothers.

And last...Whoever finds an old vinyl album edition of "Rapper's Delight," return to Sharon Shannon. ♦

headed for Sweden to join his wife and "the boys" but will be making a slight detour to Iraq where he will be training the Iraqi police force! Yikes. That certainly is a switch from the original plan. We wish him well and will pray for his safety. Stacie Simmons resigned to move up north and now the latest transfer showed a promotion to Senior Lead Officer for Royal Barber who will be at the West Valley Division. Congratulations! Also, P II J. Moore is headed to Southeast while P II T. Pescatello will now join 77th. West L.A. also welcomed P II S. Disabato from Hollywood.

As I walked past the front desk recently I noticed what a fine job Officer Bill "Heiderman" Heider was doing. Sometimes you have to look far and wide to find an officer of this caliber as he is very sharp, smart and has a great sense of humor. Keep up the good work, Bill. I see lemon bars in the very near future for you. After all, someone has to control the goings on at the desk.

And now for an update on Officer Maria Ceja. Maria has been at West L.A. for several years where she worked with the narcotics unit for quite some time. She is now back after bonding leave and is helping the auto detectives. Maria's domestic partner, Susie, had twins so now they have three children and a dog to keep them busy...very busy. Maria

West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

Sometimes I wonder if "they" call it the *Blue Line* since we seem to get so sad and blue when people leave us for parts unknown, greener pastures, etcetera. Yes,



Brian Gomez Ceja and Tori Gomez Ceja, D.O.B. 10/20/04, with big sister Sage Ceja.

coat and hat after exactly 33 years with the department. A luncheon was held in his honor at Maria's in West L.A. where Ed was feeling no pain as he enjoyed his last lunch with friends. Communications Division broadcast his end-of-watch message, which drew a great round of applause. A few kind words were shared by Lt. Rick Papke and Det. Ron Phillips but most of the "roasting" will occur at his official retirement party. Another rat to leave the sinking ship was Det. Lowell Ferreira. He was originally



Det. Randy Cordobes with Det. Lowell Ferreira on Lowell's last day before leaving for Iraq.

as the case may be, more have left the West L.A. haven. Among those who have recently departed was our very own Det. III Ed Purcell who hung up his trench

More Divisional Reporter on next page

Divisional reporter

Northeast corner

by Susan Carrasco
Northeast Division

Northeast Heroes

We all know what it's like near the end of a watch. We call it *submarining*. On the morning of January 26, 2005, nothing was much different. It was minutes after 0600 hours and the night shift was mentally prepared to close out their logs and hang up their gun belts for the day. The day watch was sitting in roll call planning on where to pick up their morning cup of coffee. At the same time over 200 people were beginning their day with their typical morning commute. Yet all were unaware of the suicidal maniac pulling his SUV onto the nearby train tracks, ultimately causing death, severe injuries and emotional distress beyond our community.

Hearing the emergency broadcast of a train derailment caused the officers to respond, unaware of the actions they were about to take. They exited the police vehicles and observed mangled trains and their confused and injured passengers. Without hesitation, the officers began rescuing the passengers. They put their own lives in danger, not even considering the extreme heroic acts of bravery and unselfishness they were committing. The LAPD, LAFD, LASO, Glendale Police and Fire Department, and bystanders (many being Costco employees) entwined, performing amazing acts of heroism, saving the lives of complete strangers. These amazing men and women aided the passengers from the burning train, moving them to a safe zone. Additionally, sworn and civilian personnel contributed a vital role at the location and behind the scenes ensuring the tragic day flowed as smoothly as possible for those on-scene.

It didn't end just there. Many community members and businesses opened their hearts and doors to the rescuing police and fire personnel. Businesses such as Costco, Starbucks, Mimi's Café, and Pat & Oscar's were aware the rescuers were tired, hungry and running on worn-down levels of adrenaline. The empathy was apparent when the businesses opened their doors, making sure no one went

without nourishment.

This event was horrific and devastating. Numerous precious lives were lost and thousands of lives were touched. I hope that no one has to ever again be a part of such an appalling disaster.

Commendable Capers

On September 7, 2004, an attempted suicide in progress on the bridge over the Los Angeles River call was dispatched. Sensing the urgency of the call for service, Officer Steven Garcia and Reserve Officer George immediately responded to the bridge. Although the obviously confused man was their main priority, there were also other considerations having an impact on the situation. The bridge is heavily traveled and had to be controlled, allowing access for emergency personnel.

Capt. Smith and Sgt. Tom Wich made an immediate request for a SMART Team to respond. A command post was set up and supporting Northeast Area units responded to this call including Officers Sergio Ruedas and Barajas.

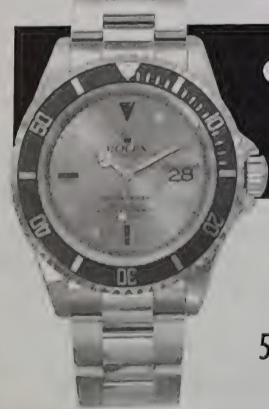
Believing the man could jump to his death, Officer Ruedas was quickly pressed into service. The unstable victim stood on top of a guardrail over the river as Sgt. Wich and Officer Ruedas attempted to calm the situation. Officer Ruedas calmly maintained conversation. Sgt. Wich, believing that time was running low, formulated a plan with Ruedas. Officer Ruedas was to approach the man slowly and carefully within arm's reach as he conversed with him and only when the opportunity presented itself Ruedas would grab the man. Simultaneously, Sgt. Wich would take hold of the duty belt around the waist of Officer Ruedas. With their combined effort they would draw the man toward the street and safely extract the man from certain death. After a period of crisis intervention, the plan was executed to perfection. The despondent man was safely removed from the bridge and the officers escaped injury in what was obviously a selfless act of heroism.

Coming and Going

We don't have much movement this month, but we are losing one of our best. Sgt. Art Gomez has hung up his gang hat and putting on a big white helmet. Now equipped with a take-home bike, Sgt. Gomez is cruising on over to STD Motors. In exchange, Sgt. Rueda is coming to us from Hollywood. I really hope Sgt. Rueda can cook like Sgt. Gomez. Officer Marquez is off to 77th and Officer Palacios is coming from Rampart. Good luck to all of you in your career moves.♦

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by Det. Marcella Winn
Robbery Homicide Division

Commendable Incident

Det. Cliff Shepard, Robbery-Homicide Division, Cold Case Homicide Unit (RHD/CCHU) provided the following:

During the month of July, 2004, Robbery-Homicide Division, Cold Case Homicide Unit (RHD/CCHU) received a DNA match on an unsolved murder, which was originally handled by Newton Homicide Detectives. A brief synopsis has been included below on the case.

On July 9, 1987, at approximately 11:30 p.m., 19-year-old Sandra Beverly left her grandmother's home after a telephone conversation with an unknown person. Sometime between 2:30 a.m. and 3:00 a.m., neighbors heard a woman screaming, but no one investigated or called police. At approximately 3:30 a.m., two local men came across her body near Gage and Main Street. She was laying on a walkway to the side of a neighbor's home. Fire Department personnel responded and pronounced her dead due to multiple stab wounds. There was evidence that she had been sexually assaulted, and her purse and its contents were located in an alley, the apparent escape route of the perpetrator(s). No witnesses to this murder were ever located and no viable suspect(s) was developed.

On July 9, 2004, Cold Case detectives submitted a request to the LAPD's Scientific Investigative Division's serology lab for DNA analysis of the evidence. On August 30, 2004, a DNA profile was uploaded to California's CODIS database.

On September 30, 2004, California's Department of Justice laboratory notified the Los Angeles Police Department of a match between DNA evidence from the scene and a convicted felon identified as Mitchell Ray Brown. Additional DNA work was requested in October and completed in December. The DNA profile on the evidence matched Mitchell Brown and the victim. A record check was conducted, and Mitchell Brown was discovered to be on parole from California to Texas and was currently supervised by Texas Parole agents in the Houston area. Assisted by Texas Ranger Drew Carter on January 12, 2005, Los Angeles detectives took Mitchell Brown into custody. He was held at the Galena Park Police Station until his transfer to the Harris County Jail as a fugitive from California. He will be extradited on January 25, 2005 to Los Angeles to face murder charges.

Speedy Recovery

Robbery Homicide Division would like to extend a speedy recovery to Lt. Jimmy Grayson who is home recuperating from knee surgery, and Mercedes Medellin who was injured during the train derailment in Glendale on January 26, 2005.

Goodbye

We at Robbery-Homicide Division would like to congratulate Det. III Otis Marlow for the second time on his retirement. Congratulations on a job well done, and from the words of the late Chick Hearn, "You can put this one in the refrigerator. The door's closed, the lights are out, the eggs are cooling, the butter's getting hard, and the Jell-O is jiggling."

Save the Date

On May 12, 2005, Ray "Boom Boom" Hernandez will retire from the Los Angeles Police Department after 30 years of service. ♦



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

Officers II Michael Stewart, #35916, and Chad Butler, #34264, were working uniform patrol assigned 16Z57 in the area of De Garmo and Nurro Street. At this time they observed a black pickup truck and conducted a DMV check on the vehicle. The vehicle came back with expired registration and the officers stopped the vehicle for above violation. While conducting the vehicle investigation, Officer Stewart went to verify the VIN number. The VIN number didn't match the earlier inquiry. The vehicle VIN number was then verified by CLETS, confirming the vehicle was in fact a Foothill stolen. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. In the back of the truck, officers recovered several items that were likely stolen.

This arrest was possible due to the officers' persistence and diligence. Their focus

on the mission led to the booking of a car thief. Additional filing was requested for receiving stolen property. This incident is representative of the officers' consistently hard work. The officers are commended for their observation skills, tenacity and thorough investigation skills. By Sgt. Chase, #33125.

Foothill Detectives

It was a great turnout for the Rudy Jose Quintanilla, #16625, retirement dinner party at the Sportsmen's Lodge. There were over 250 people who attended this event to celebrate Rudy's sendoff for a long and happy retirement. Rudy had all of his partners from 77th Division, Newton, Wilshire, Van Nuys, and Foothill Division. All his friends talked about some great stories of Rudy Q., but the biggest issue they had was all the foot pursuits he was not involved. It was a great event and thanks to Det. Teresa Robles who organized this event with the help from Mary Claire and Cindy Starks. There were old-time detectives like Det. III Ray Hernandez, Bill Caughey, Frank Bishop, Patty Ferguson, Jack Giroud, Jerry Ricketts, Frank Cerney, Gus Oliveras, Gordon Bolen, Dennis Demour, Gene Peterson, Chief Bergman, Capt. Albanese, Capt. Chambers, Capt. Garner, Lt. Papke, Parole Agents Michelle Woods, and Gerald Fricen. Thanks to everyone that attended. ♦

What About Wilshire?

by "Helper"
Wilshire Division

Deputy James Tutino – EOW 1/26/05

As I sit here and write this, a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy is being pulled away from the wreckage of a Metrolink commuter train. Deputy James Tutino, a 23-year veteran of the Department, was on his way to work when a suicidal man decided to park his vehicle on the tracks. I did not know Deputy Tutino. However, after listening to and reading all the media coverage, I will never forget him. On behalf of the entire Wilshire family, we extend to his family our condolences on the loss of such a great man. This month's Wilshire article is dedicated to Deputy Tutino and his family.

Departures

We are losing a few good officers this month to outside areas and we wish all the very best. Officer Elentisky, #37032, Officer Davalos, #37026, and Officer McClean, #37049, are all heading down to 77th Division. Officer Salas, #35178, and Menelas, #37050, are headed over to the east side of Hollenbeck. You guys will be enjoying a new police station soon enough.

Arrivals

Officer Haynes, #20457, is being promoted to Det. I and is moving here from Southwest. Officer McCarthy, #33627, is coming in from TD. Officer Cordoba, #37022, is in from 77th. Officer Solorio, #36409, is in from CTD. Officer Carbonell, #37021, is in from DEV, along with Officer Vargas, #37061. Last, but not least, Officer Lopez, #37046, is in from Harbor. Welcome to the busiest division in the city.

Helper's Helpers

The following people are to be acknowledged for their outstanding contribution to the city of Los Angeles and Wilshire Division: Officer Dennis Derr, #33982, Wilshire Patrol; Officer Jennifer Mak, #37188, Wilshire Patrol; Officer Sara Jaramillo, #34434, Air Support; Officer Frank King, #21327, Air Support; Officer Francisco Lopez, #31670, Wilshire Patrol; Officer Daniel Han, #36218, Wilshire Patrol.

On November 20, 2004, at approximately 1105 hours, Officer Derr and Mak received a radio call, "possible child molester" at a location inside of Wilshire Division. Officers Lopez and Han also responded. An air unit was requested and Officers King and Jaramillo responded. A suspect, who was identified to be a 33-year-old man with a record and a registered sex offender/parolee, had gone to a school and told a teacher at that school that he was there to pick up his child. While the teacher went to verify the suspect's story, the suspect walked over to a chain link fence where children were playing on the other side and he exposed himself to the children. The suspect then told one of the little girls playing to come with him. The child began to scream and she ran away. The suspect also began run fearing that the child's

screams would lead others to him. A man who had just arrived at the location observed the child and the suspect running from each other. The man exited his vehicle and asked a couple of the other children what was going on, and the children told him. After the man called the police, Wilshire officers and the air unit soon arrived. The air unit observed the suspect walking down a different street approximately a block away from where the crime had occurred. The air unit directed officers to the suspect's location and the suspect was taken into custody.

and investigative skills, which prevented any future child abductions by this predator in Wilshire. This commendation was issued by Capt. Farrell, Wilshire Patrol Commanding Officer.

Wilshire would also like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts made by our Homicide Detectives regarding the murder of a business owner at 3rd St. and Orlando. Currently four suspects are in custody and one is outstanding. I invite anyone to stop by homicide detectives table area for a full recap of how they put this case together. It real-



Wilshire division.

The suspect was booked at Wilshire station for a parole violation and attempted kidnapping. All of the officers are to be commended for their quick response, attention to duty, outstanding teamwork,

ly is mind blowing to how they do their job! Excellent work!

Happy St. Patrick's Day and let's be safe out there. One more thing: Baker to Vegas is next month so start getting ready. ♦

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Divisional reporter



by Fitz
Rampart Division

Thoughts and Prayers

SLO Manny Serrano and Kevin Webb both lost their mothers recently. We've kept each of you in our prayers to support you and your families in this difficult time. Even though K-Dub has gone on to ASD, he will forever remain a part of our big Rampart family.

Get well soon to PII Teddy Aguirre who's nursing a bum knee due to a flag football play gone sideways. Let's go, Teddy. Hugo misses you! PII Julio Virrueta has been out from an on-duty T/C. He was thrown around a bit and is on that road to recovery! Get back, Julio, Amy's ready to get back to hooking and booking!

Bundles of Joy

PII Phillip Zalba had yet another little girl, baby Nicole, which takes their family score to girls-4, and boys-0! Congrats to PII Danny Cota and his wife Loraine. They're the proud first-time parents to baby girl Alexis! Not to be left out, SLO Chris Ramirez and his wife Brenda outta Hollenbeck had an addition to their family. Little Samantha was born just last month. You'll never guess what PII Hugo Ayon and his wife had. Yep, another girl blessed their family. PII Josh Min had a baby. Surprise, surprise, another precious little girl! Lots of little girls for Rampart coppers. Wonder who will break the streak with a bouncing baby boy! Not it! PIII Craig Heredia and his wife did it! They welcomed their baby boy Avery into the world a few weeks back. PIII Jorge

Trejo and his wife Nora on their newborn little boy Ian. Congrats. Have fun and take lots of pictures!

Outs

Brand new PIIs Danny Bunch and Mark Passam passed their probation at the Castle. Mark is out to 77th. Best of luck to you. Don't forget where you came from! Get some time on, kid. Danny goofed up and joined the Sheriff's Department initially yet finally wised up and became a lateral to the finest Department in the world, the LAPD. He finished his standard probation at Rampart and opted to remain at the Castle to continue his career. Glad to have you, bro.

A Disney Christmas

Rampart held their annual X-mas party at the Disneyland Hotel a few weeks back and definitely found out why it's the most magical place on earth. It was a time for friends and family to get together and celebrate good times. Special thanks to SLO Lew Ford for being the emcee and organizer. Marianna Vasquez was also a big help as usual. She's always there to ensure we all have a good time! The festivities went on without any snags and party fav PIII Justin Stewart walked away with the most prizes. Better luck next year, Wolfe! Shout outs to PII Chris "El Gallo" Andrade for doing a solo on the dance floor and PII Thomas Loera for taking his shirt off and showing us his tatted chest! After-parties were held and PII Mike Mariscal definitely had a most joyous time! For those that would like to burn a CD copy of the slide show, it'll be made available on a few computers back in the report writing room.

Got Snow?

You bet! SoCal mountain tops have never been so packed with the powder, and it looks as if Mother Nature may not stop that delivery of snow! A handful of courageous coppers traveled the long trek to Mammoth in the midst of a snowy storm. PIIs Paul Hendry, Justin Stewart, PIIs Ryan Nguyen, Danny Bunch, Romeo



Rampart coppers on Mammoth Mountain.

Tamparong and his partner joined up with PII Matt Saenz outta CTD on a four-day excursion in the mountains. The clan was met with many feet of snow and boarded in awesome conditions. Beer was drunk, poker hands were played and after many mouthfuls of chips, the coppers returned with great stories of good times spent boarding in a wintry storm! For those that flaked out on the trip, Rome still wants his money!

Nice Hooks

PIIs Laurissa Huisebus and Glorycella De La Sierra (that's a mouthful) were paired up and hit the mean streets of Rampart looking to take a chump to jail. Bus and her gal pal rolled up on a couple of knuckleheads running out of a rear parking lot and end up getting an SSK rifle equipped with a bayonet! Wow!

PIIs Todd Turner and PIIs Romeo Tamparong and Erik Bruner were handling a radio call of a bunch of gangsters drinking and hanging out. Todd, Romeo and E.B. decide to back-door the clan and foot beat through the location from one street over. The group of thugs are caught off guard and a fully loaded Tec-9 is recovered off one. A strong rapport is established with a few and their plan is revealed of a foiled drive-by shooting against a rival gang. In the end, a few homies go down for conspiracy to commit murder!

PIIs Edgar Hernandez and Steve

Hernandez were ground-pounding through Toberman Park... way to bird-dog, boys! Edgar and Steve run up on a couple of burros hanging out and catch a homie with a semi-auto in his pocket.

PIIs Jeff Bruner and Brent Phillips caught a little TST wanna-be with a strap in his pocket. Those tag-bangers are not to be taken lightly, they're trying to make their bones and run with the big boys.

PIII Eric Rogers and PII Thomas Loera back door a problem apartment complex and sneak up on an unsuspecting 18th Street. Eric and Big T nab him just as he tosses his pistol off the fire escape. Ain't nothing sweeter than getting an 18th Streeter with a heater!

PIII Andy Taylor and PII Nathan Hernandez roll up on a gang-related disturbance just down the street from the station. Woog and Nate get a dummy with a strap in his pocket and then locate a Tec-9 hidden just a few feet away. Yikes!

PIII Joel Miller and PII Michael Chafe respond to an apparent drug deal gone awry and end up taking a guy for a sawed-off shotgun and revolver tucked in his ride. Not to mention the semi-auto he had stowed away in his pocket! Geez! He got his three guns taken away and got three hotshots and a cot in return. Nice!

Got suggestions, photos or want your latest caper recognized? It's your Blue Line so please send them to TheCastle@msn.com. Be safe and stay ready.

At press time, an entry level PFQ is being administered for a candidate pool. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, here are the latest incoming and upgrade facts. Starting with the R30 spot, Ms. Andrea Balter, former B team plus one, returns with a chevron trio plus a rocker configuration. Over in the kennel, Dave Stambaugh is the new plus one in charge of K9 training. Dave is assigned two K9 partners which include one of the unit's bloodhounds. Club 41-54 has a new addition with the selection of Bruce Adam from the Mounted Unit. Congratulations to all.

Returning to the action after suffering a hand injury is C teamer Kevin Scott. Returning to the element function and ready for standby is Steve Weaver (D team). Welcome back, gentlemen. Joining the lineup on the injured reserve list are Jim Moody, Brian O'Hara, Carlos Flores, Damon Aoki and Marcos Rubio. Get well soon, guys.

I am very happy to report that the former P.M. watch AWC, R120A, Richard Rockhold is recovering nicely from heart surgery. The former 114 baritone will hopefully be back in the full swing of things and able to return to his number one passion. Take care, Rock.

Until next time, R-10 girl, clear.



by Jose Ceja
Commission Investigation Division

A Very CID Valentine's

It's my favorite time of the year. The birds are singing, the bees are buzzing and everyone at CID is in love. As in the past, I asked everyone at CID what they planned to do for their special someone on this special day. Det. Thomas Butler said he plans to drive to Flagstaff with his honey where the scenery is inspiring and the cool weather makes for great

cuddling. Det. Aaron Bankhead will pick a lucky young lady from his little black book so that she will spend a magical evening with him, CID's most eligible single guy. Det. Ben Jones, ABC TV's next Bachelor, will spend the day reviewing resumes submitted by hundreds of perspective bachelorettes. It should be noted that both Aaron and Ben are good friends with fellow suave stud, "El Caliente," spokesman for El Pollo Loco.

Everyone else at CID, the married with children folk, plan to send their children to the sitter's so they can spend some quality time with the person they love most. Happy Valentine's Day!

Welcome Aboard

He's not the retired major league baseball player, but he bats 300. Lt. Andre Dawson comes to us from OWB where he held the position of Vice Coordinator. Most grateful for his arrival is pinch hitter Dan De Bellis, who was Acting CO for the last couple of months.



by C.J. Hardy
Metropolitan Division

Greetings. Happy St. Patrick's Day. May the luck of the Irish be with you.

Finally!

This is the biggest news to hit 114 in a while. I am extremely happy to report that the city has finally awarded the doctor his license. R140 is in the house! Talk about long overdue! On the last day of January, Dr. Dave Rodriguez was finally officially recognized with a star. Dave has been doing an outstanding job as the P.M. watch AWC. Congratulations!

There's No Place Like Home

Welcome back to Mr. Curtis Lawson. Curtis is back on American soil after completing two tours in Iraq.

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West Valley Division

The Wild Wild West

by Simon Says
West Valley Division

Baker to Vegas Update

I want to thank everyone who has signed up to run and do support. Please check the walls around the station for meeting and run schedules. We really need everyone's help to ensure that we have a solid team and a great time. A barbecue is being planned for Sunday afternoon after the run. Details to follow.

Incoming People Update

It's time to welcome several new people, some of whom arrived DP 1: Officer Marron (from Foothill), Officer Nava (from Southeast), Officers Magana and McLaws (from Van Nuys), Officer Allstot (from West L.A.), and Officers Knop and Lambirth (from Training Division).

DP 2 brings us SLO Barber (from West

L.A.) and Officer Ortega (from Van Nuys).

Outgoing People Update

WVAL said goodbye Dep. I to: Officer Chacon (to Hollywood), Officer Antonioli (to North Hollywood), Officer Kelly (to Training Division), and Officers Amaya and Whitey (to Van Nuys).

In Dep. II we said farewell to Officer Mazzone who made Detective at Southwest and Officer Mungcal who is off to North Hollywood. Officer Velazquez was assigned to the new Mission Division but will remain with us until the station opens (so don't say goodbye to him quite yet).

Good luck to all of you!

Promotion Update

Two of our hard-working PIIIs added a star to their sleeves recently. Congratulations, Officer Ro (SLO 87) and Officer Jackson (SLO 67). Now get out there and work with the community!

Congrats are also in order for PSR Eileen Stuart. She was promoted to Sr. PSR at Foothill.

Baby Update

Officer Brian "Aflac" MacDonald and his wife Michele are proud to announce the birth (and subsequent growth) of their child. Aidan Scott MacDonald was born on June 11, 2004. So far, Aidan has proven to be less accident-prone than his father.



Aidan Scott McDonald.



Detective Shands McCoy.

Honorees of the 4th Quarter

The West Valley Area is proud to announce that Officer Mark Mireles, Det.



Officer Mark Mireles.

Shands McCoy and Jim Booth were selected as the Employees of the 4th Quarter for West Valley. These fine employees were presented certificates by Capt. John Sherman at the Woodland Hills Rotary Club on January 12, 2004.

Condolences

The staff at West Valley gives condolences to Sgt. Al Sorkness. His twin brother, Burbank P.D. Sgt. Glen Sorkness, passed away on December 21, 2004. Sgt. G. Sorkness was appointed to Burbank P.D. on 9/16/73. He retired from there on 9/15/04.



their participation of the 2004 LAPD Adopt-a-Family program during the holiday season. Councilwoman Jan Perry gave out the recognition certifi-

cates at the City Council meeting. Congratulations on your work and efforts, which truly made a difference in the lives of many.

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CENTRAL

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by Marie Kardiban
Central Division

Great Job!

On December 16, 2004, Central Area Vice Officers A. Clanay, C. Garcia, A. T. Martinez, T. Lo, G. Mimms, M. Ho, J. Rodriguez, and Sergeants R. J. Acosta and J. McAlpine were honored for their enforcement efforts in the Black Market Cigarette Task Force (BMCTF). City Council President Alex Padilla presented the unit with two awards, one was from the city of Los Angeles and the other from Rocky Delgadillo of the City Attorney's office. John Chueng presented the unit with an award from the State Board of Equalization. The BMCTF was started in 2002 and Central Area Vice became actively involved in 2003. Since the conception of the BMCTF, 202 arrests have been made, 156 of those arrests and filings were made by Central Area Vice. Congratulations to all on a job well done. Keep up the good work!

Blue Line Articles

I would like to let everyone know that I welcome and am always looking for information to put into our Central Blue Line article. Unfortunately, I am so busy with my hectic schedule it is impossible for me to be a "roving reporter" trying to track down everything that goes on in our division. I rely on you bringing me info on what goes on. For those of you who do not know me, I am located in the Community Relations office directly across from the kit room. If you have anything that you would like in our article regarding Central Division, please submit them to me no later than the 25th of each month. We are always a month behind in print but will be more than happy to put your information in as long as there is room. If I receive too

much information for our allocated space for that month, it will go into the month after. Remember that the *Blue Line* has the last say on what they print in their newspaper.

Officer Recognition Luncheon

Mark your calendar for this year's Officer Recognition Luncheon on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, 12:00 noon at the Wilshire Grand Hotel. The lunch will be hosted by the Central City Police Boosters to honor Central Area personnel for their extraordinary efforts in making downtown safe in 2004. Congratulations are in order for the following personnel who were chosen to be honored as this year's recipients. There will be a formal write-up in next month's issue on each individual.

Supervisor of the Year, Sgt. Leonard Perez; Detective of the Year, Jamie Bennett; Officer of the Year, James Lenoue and Pernell Taylor; Civilian of the Year, Lucy Rios; Civilian of the Year; Liliana Herrera.

Please support your fellow officers by attending the luncheon. If you have any questions or wish to attend this event, please contact Marie Kardiban, Central, CRO at (213) 972-1876.

Scholarship

The Central City Police Boosters, in association with Central Area, are pleased to announce college scholarship grants for the dependents of police personnel who are currently assigned to Central Area.

The Central Boosters will issue two scholarships totaling \$1,500. To be eligible, a student must be the dependent of an LAPD Central employee and enrolled or accepted at an accredited college, university, or trade school. Students must have a B average or better. Applications are available now and will be accepted until March 17 through the Community Relations office. For more information, please contact Officer Marie Kardiban at (213) 972-1876.

Certificates of Recognition

On January 28, 2004, Capt. Rubert, Capt. Chow, and many of the Central officers were recognized on behalf of the city of Los Angeles and its residents for

PRDeez Notes

by Adam N. Broderick
Planning & Research Division

H & G's (Hi's and Goodbyes)

In February, PRD cut a few more people from the roster. The office of the Chief swallowed up PSR2s Dawn Danko and



Stephanie Nelson. Congratulations, but now who's going to be the training coordinator?

And finally after *** years (I'm not allowed to disclose), Sgt. II Vito Palazzolo is moving out. He'll be hob-nobbing with the folks at PAB via the office of operations. A luncheon was held to show our thanks and among the unique parting gifts were a box of high-fiber cereal, raw almonds and a book. Apparently someone interpreted the message incorrectly when it was announced Sgt. P was going to work in the "office." (Now here's a little secret I'll share with the three loyal readers I have amassed: we convinced Sgt. P that a "buyout" was required for us to let him leave. Shhh, don't tell him that only applies to promotions. He'll never know.)

And welcome aboard to PRD's newest secretary, Ganise Police. No really, that's her last name. Pretty cool, huh?

Once Upon a Time

In 1998 a young, impressionable Denise Dizon began her work with the Los Angeles Police Department as a Clerk Typist in the Special Projects Unit. After only one year, she was promoted to Senior Clerk Typist in the Administrative Unit of MSD (that's PRD if you didn't know). Luckily for all of us, Denise had a positive



impression of LAPD and wanted to do even more for the cause. She decided to go for it all and began the testing process to become a police officer. In the meantime, she continued with civilian promotions and became a secretary at IAG in 2001. She was selected to be in Academy class 6/04 and graduated in January, 2005. She is currently completing probation in Wilshire Area. Congratulations, Denise. We're expecting big things from you. Who knows, you may wind up back here at PRD one more time on the way up. And just a word of advice to Denise's training officers, treat her right. She's already got friends in high places.

Other Stuff

Big Daddy Troy Collins celebrated a birthday during January. The only problem was that he wouldn't share the cake with anyone. I sure as heck wasn't going to



force him, would you have?

PRD recently had its own re-org take place, and if that's not enough, we'll be moving on up to a deluxe apartment in the sky-hi! That's the rumor at least. We'll find out soon enough.

PRD Mysteries

What do you get when you cross a blue tooth with a human ear? I'll let you figure it out for yourselves.

Until next time...C-ya. ♦

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by Sgt. Rudy Santos
Devonshire Reporter

No, It's Not His Duty Weapon

On December 20, 2004, Officer Jamie McBride and his partner, Officer Scott Nunez received information from an informant that a certain Vineland Boys Gang member had an array of weapons and narcotics at his residence. Working on this tip, McBride coordinated a follow-up investigation to the residence of the desperado. Sgt. Rafael Hechavarria, Officer Season Nunez, Officer Carlos Barrios, Officer Fred Cueto, and Officer Eric Jennings were also present as backup in case things went south. Using superior tactics to get the drop on the suspects, McBride and Scott Nunez arrested one individual in front of the suspect's residence for narcotics and packing two guns.



Bob, paragliding over Santa Barbara.



The happy couple



Officers McBride and Nunez.

After a foot pursuit and apprehension of a second suspect, a sawed-off shotgun was taken into custody.

During the search of the house belonging to the main bad guy, McBride discovered two SKS rifles, additional handguns, and the "little friend" he is seen holding with his partner in the accompanying photo. The good news is that the M2 .50 caliber machinegun is a replica of the real thing. Always think officer safety when dealing with gangs. If Vineland Boys can have these types of toys, just think what other gangs with a more lucrative narcotics cash flow must have.

Is It a Bird, Is It a Plane, Or Is It a Devonshire Detective?

Our very own Det. Robert Peloquin may be considered a mild-mannered detective for a great metropolitan police department, but he is actually able to leap tall mountains in a single bound. Robert and his wife Marian started paragliding three years ago on her suggestion that they do something to hang out together. Paragliding involves using a parachute shaped like a flying wing. This allows the pilot to soar silently through the air on thermal wind currents. When Robert or Marian want to take off, they simply take a running leap off a cliff and off they go.

My wife has suggested that I do the same thing, though I don't remember her telling me to use a paraglider. Oh well, flights can last for over two hours and altitudes of 13,000 feet are not uncommon. Robert and Marian have traveled as far as Alaska to glide over her majestic peaks and valleys, but most of the time they can be seen flying

above the Santa Barbara Mountains. Robert is currently working toward his goal of becoming a paragliding instructor based on how much he and Marian enjoy free flight. The accompanying picture is of Robert and Marian right after a flight. The other photo is of Robert paragliding near the ocean over Santa Barbara.

Welcome Back, But Why Are You Leaving Now?

It's good to see that our detectives are back at Devonshire Station. They came back to their modern and very blue detective squad room after being housed in a modern and spacious office setting at Valley Communications Division. Now don't get me wrong, it's not that detectives aren't happy with their new work space remodeling. I just cannot write what detectives have told me due to this being a family-oriented publication. The detective squad room is so neat and tidy that one of our finest detectives suddenly decided to leave.

Det. III Gary Barthelmes, #16169, had 34 years with the Department when he decided it was time. The very tall and well-dressed Gary has always had a serious look to his face. However, one only had to approach him for a question or get him going to find out in a hurry that Gary had a great sense of humor and truly cared about his fellow officers and the public. Gary served with distinction and dedication for many years. His sense of humor was needed and required due to the nature of our job. Though Gary's chair may be filled, he can never be replaced. Oh yes, one more thing, Gary, you never let down that little girl. ♦

NoHo news

by Esther Neill
North Hollywood Division

Hi all! It's that time again to share with you some of NHWD's latest happenings. Here we go!

Sad Goodbyes

We recently said goodbye to two awesome individuals. Ahmad Zarenkani has left his theft table behind to pursue more challenging adventures with the South Bureau Narcotics Division. He was here at North Hollywood for about two years and during that time he made a significant impact, not only with his coworkers, but also with all the victims he assisted. You're a great person, Ahmad, don't ever change!

Vickie Keoseian, Capt. Sweet's secretary, also has undertaken a new position with the LAFD as an executive secretary. Vickie is a sweet, hard-working lady who

was always there to lend a helping hand. We will miss you, Vickie, and please come back and visit us sometime!

Explorers Get Tactical

Our awesome kids recently traveled to Chandler, Arizona, to compete with



North Hollywood Explorers in Chandler, Arizona.

approximately 600 other law enforcement Explorers in the 2005 Tactical Competition. These young adults spent much time training and learning what it takes to be the best. They did exceptionally well placing in the following categories: 1st, Rapid Response; 3rd, 10 Man

Downed Officer Rescue; 3rd, Multi Level Assault; 5th, Hogan's Ally; 1st in Tactical Relay Race; and 4th in FATS. A special congratulations goes out to these incredible Explorers who made our division very proud: Andy Camacho, Davis Lopez, Jose Meza, David

Kapshanyan, Toby Hernandez, David Garcia, Jeanette Huerta, Carolyn Garcia, Daisy Pineda, and William Cabrera. And, of course, a round of applause to Officer Harry Van Vorst, Officer Natalie Rippe and Sgt. Bill Martin, Post Advisors.

Change Orders

by P.O. III Chris Carson
Facilities Management Division

Prop Q Projects Status

This is an exciting time in the history of the Department! This is probably the first time in the 130+ year history of the LAPD that so many projects have been undertaken at the same time to dramatically restore and expand the facilities and working conditions for the Department. Between bond programs and the new police headquarters facility, we have a total of 16 facilities in design or construction, totaling well over \$920 million. We are also renovating 13 police facilities, including 11 police stations.

Facilities Management Division and the Bureau of Engineering are moving forward with these projects. We are completing the construction documents phase of most of our designs. We'll look at Mid City area (police station #20) as an example of how the process will work for all of the Prop Q projects.

The first Prop Q project to go out for bid, Mid City, was advertised on January 24, 2005. By the time this article is published, the pre-bid meeting and job walk will have occurred in the first week of February, 2005. Bids will be accepted the first week of March. Literally as you read this, depending on what day of the week it is, the Board of Public Works (BPW) may be opening the bids for the project. The bid for this project will be awarded in May of 2005 after BPW verifies the credentials and bids for the general contractors that are bidding. This is generally within 30 to 60 days of the bids being received. For Prop Q projects, we are shooting for 30 days. Within 15 days of the bid award, the general contractor must mobilize on-site and start demolition as needed and then begin construction. Bottom line here: by August of this year, Wilshire and Rampart Divisions should start to see Mid City getting built.

All of our projects will follow this

schedule of approximately six months from bid advertisement until start of construction. The remaining Prop Q projects will continue to go out for bid, two per month, through the end of June, 2005, when the last project, the Metro Jail, is scheduled to go out for bid. By the end of this year (2005), we should be in construction for most or all Prop Q projects.

Hello and Goodbyes

Facilities Management Division welcomes Ms. Eva Chiaravalle from R&I. Eva will be working as a secretary for FMD.

Forgotten Divisions of the LAPD

Last month's forgotten division of the LAPD was Old Central Division, located at 1st and Hill Streets in downtown Los Angeles. I have a slightly better photo of it here this month. For this month's forgotten division of the LAPD, whoever is the first to guess the correct answer will receive a prize set of two movie tickets. Please e-mail your answer to me at 34052@lapd.lacity.org.

Mid City Police Station (#20). Artist's rendering, circa 2008.

Old Central Division (1895-1955). It



Mid City police station.



Old Central Division.



Forgotten Division March

appears it was renovated and most of the stonework facade removed before the photo was taken. As in earlier photos this stonework went all the way to the parapet.

It's Race Time!

If you are still interested in being a part of NHWD's Baker to Vegas team, don't wait much longer! The race is almost upon us. For more information to be a runner or to be part of the support team, please contact Det. Mike Coffey or Det. Chris Frus. See you all on the road!

Mulligan Anyone?

Peppers, it's that time again. If you would like to have the best golf game of your life, then come on out and participate in the 18th Annual PALS Golf Tournament. Monday, April 4, at Braemar Country Club is the place to be at. The \$150 per player includes the following: green fees, cart, beverages, lunch, a scrumptious prime rib dinner and awards. You can win a car in the Hole in One Contest, Closest to the Pin, raffle drawing, longest drive and four-player best ball scramble/Callaway scoring are just some of the special events planned. For further information, please contact Officer Heather Kowalczyk or Sgt. Bill Martin at (818) 623-4001. You better call quickly; spots fill up mighty fast! See you at tee-off!

Okie dokie, folks, that is it for now. Be safe out there! Hasta pasta! ♦

Behind Old Central (to the right in the photo) is the original Central Jail (not to be confused with the Main Jail or "City Jail," a.k.a. "Lincoln Heights Jail" in Lincoln Heights). This photo is circa 1937. For history fans, the streetcar in the foreground is a Pacific Electric red car, heading northbound on Hill Street, making for the Hill Street tunnels. This was in the days before the 101 Freeway, and a series of tunnels ran under Bunker Hill, connecting Hill Street with Sunset. If you ever see historic photos of the LAPD, and you see steps or tunnels or streetcars in the background, many of these photos were taken in the area of this intersection, in front of the Old Central Station. ♦

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Divisional reporter



by Larry Wehage
Newton Division

Marty Said, C'ya

After 30 years of service, Lt. Marty Cotwright, Newton Detectives, decided to "pull the pin" and ended his LAPD career on January 8, 2005. Marty plans to relax for a while but will be doing some traveling in the months ahead. Marty, take care and be safe.

Explorers Do It Again

Recently, the Newton Explorer Post participated in the Explorer competition in Chandler, Arizona. The kids enjoyed themselves and came away with the 1st place award in the Multi-Level Assault Tactical Competition. Teams from as far away as me-knee-SO-dah participated. Congratulations to all of the Explorers and to the LAPD personnel who accompanied them on the trip: Gil Curtis, Yolanda Villa, Danny Chau, and Kenny Aragon.

Rich, Is That You?

A friend of a friend of a Newton officer asked the question: "Do you know an officer named Rich Duran?" The answer came



quickly. "Yeah, he's a sergeant at Newton Area." The unnamed individual replied, "Well, I went to school with him, and he had this weird hairstyle in high school. I'll

get a photo to you." The photo arrived, and yup, Rich, it was quite a hairstyle.

Is Perception Reality, or is Reality a Perception, and Can You Really Trust a Rumor?

There are plenty of rumors that abound in police work. A few are right on the money, but most are not. Someone started a rumor that Newton was the next Rampart. The assumption was that a few cops were "close" to being corrupt, I assume. Unfortunately, the rumor started with no identification attached to it, so we ponder the message. Okay, let's check this out. Hey, let's do some audits, stings, everything that might identify the problem officers. We are taking care of the details in police work: double-locking cuffs, buckling seatbelts, and an assortment of other important concerns, yet the rumor continues. Okay, let's get a group together to discuss the issue. That was done also, but the rumor continues. When cornered, a few have said, Well, it's the perception that's out there. Okay, is perception reality or is reality a perception? Work on that!

Newton has some of the finest group of officers in the LAPD. In fact, they would match up very well against any agency in all of California. They are hard working, somewhat surly, and will bust their butts to save a fellow officer or citizen. They may not smile or say hello to everyone who walks into the station as a new member of the "family," but be assured that once accepted (usually a few days to a few weeks), the new folks enjoy the ride. Those who don't may have problems wherever they go, because they are the problem.

Now, let's get a few things straight. If we are the next Rampart (whatever that means), be prepared for us to clean up our own house. We are quite capable of doing that and will. Bad people get noticed right away and can't seem to hide their behavior. It's just the way it is. With that being said, we will find any evil-doers at Newton whether they are here now or will be in 20 years, but to you Mr. or Ms. Rumor Starter, stop it. Stop the rumors and go to work. There is crime fighting to do and you aren't helping. Are you upset? Get over it and go to work.

One Final Thought

Ricardo Lizarraga died a year ago on February 20. Brother, we have not forgotten you nor have we forgotten your family. We will care for them and will remember you forever. Rest well. Love, Your Newton FAMILY. ♦



MISSION Statements

by Paul McLaughlin
Mission Division

Fact or Myth?

As the opening of Mission Station draws near, the rumor mill is in full gear. Chances are we've heard them all. Some are based in truth, while others seem to have sprouted from vivid imagination. Others we just made up. We will attempt to put some of the rumors to rest.

Mission is Not Going to Be Ready to Open as Scheduled

Fact. As a result of the construction problems that have plagued other recent police facilities, most notably the well-publicized defects at 77th Station, Facilities Management Division, which oversees all Department construction, has decided to delay the planned opening of the new Mission Station. The goal is to ensure that the contractor properly addresses all construction defects before we take possession of the building. Once we move into the facility, we are left with little leverage to correct these problems. The length of the delay is yet to be determined, but could be as little as one month or as much as several months, depending on the corrections needed.

Mission is Recruiting an All Star Team

Myth. The Mission Transition Team has gone to great lengths to keep informed those that are most likely to be affected by the shift in personnel, primarily at Devonshire and Foothill, as a result of the new division. Some officers mistakenly believed that they did not have to submit a transfer request if they were assigned to a basic car that was being absorbed by Mission Division. When this misunderstanding surfaced, the Transition Team attempted to contact every officer who might otherwise have missed his or her opportunity to submit a transfer request before the deadline. Some apparently felt that this was a recruiting drive, or Mission's attempt to pressure officers to submit transfer requests.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Officers possibly affected by this scenario were identified, and calls were made to clarify the procedures. No screening process was used. This was an across-the-board effort to disseminate information only. The primary objective is to staff the new station with personnel that want to be there, just as at every other station.

The Roof of the New Station Collapsed as a Result of the Heavy Rains

Myth. While a handful of minor leaks were identified, there was no collapse of the roof. One rumor even had one of the air conditioning units crashing down onto the second floor. Not sure where this one came from, but thankfully it has no merit.

Devonshire and Foothill Officers Could Get Transferred to Harbor

Fact and myth. The fact is that Mission Area is going to inherit significant geographic portions of Devonshire and Foothill Areas. An equally significant number of personnel position authorities will be moved to Mission Area from those areas as a result. Ideally, those personnel moves would come from interested applicants only, avoiding the need to move officers that don't want to leave. If that is not possible, the hope is that any administrative transfers will be within the bureau, but that cannot be guaranteed. At this time, it appears more likely that positions will be moved into Valley Bureau, as opposed to out of the Bureau, but that could change. The Department's policy on Managed Attrition allows for redistribution of personnel in order to achieve required staffing at all areas. In the event that an employee is subject to such involuntary transfers, he or she has the option to be placed at the top of the waiting list to transfer back to their previous division. This remedy is not available to those who are transferred as a result of submitting a 1.40. If you have specific questions on this complex policy, contact Personnel Division for more information.

The Parking Structure Has Been Condemned

Myth. While there is a minor concrete repair needed to maintain an even surface between the parking structure and the adjoining sidewalk, the structure is sound.

The Body of Jimmy Hoffa is Buried under the Gas Pumps

Okay, we just made this one up. Fact is, that body could be anyone. ♦

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VAN NUYS Happenings

by Lydia C. Grzelkowska
Van Nuys Division

Commendable Copper Caper – Man with a Death Wish

On January 25, Officer Bill Simonoff and Officer Greg Bruce were working uniformed patrol and were driving southbound on Van Nuys Blvd. near the auto row. At approximately 1400 hours, both officers observed a male standing in the middle of the street with a gun to his head. Car salespeople and passersby were standing on the sidewalks watching and waiting to see what the officers would do. Officers immediately put out a backup and deployed their weapons on the male. Officer Bruce took out the shotgun, racked a round, and ordered the man to drop his weapon. Luckily the man chose to drop his weapon, complied with the officers' orders, and was taken into custody without incident. Immediately after the code 4 was broadcast, the radio call came out, "Man with a gun to his head standing in the middle of Van Nuys Blvd." It was later determined that the weapon was a BB gun replica of a 45 semi-auto. Officer Bruce later asked the man why he did what he did, and the man stated, "I wanted you guys to kill me." Great job, Bill and Bruce! Van Nuys Division would also like to welcome home Officer Bruce who served one and a half years in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Commendable Copper Caper – Man Trapped in Shower During Fire

On January 18, at approximately 0900 hours, Sgt. Dave Cueto, Sgt. Teresa Wilson and Officer Sarkis Demerjian were enroute to the Davis Facility to qualify in full uniform and driving a marked black-and-white police vehicle. As they were stopped facing northbound at Tyrone Street and Victory Blvd., they observed thick black smoke coming from an unknown location. As the officers drove northbound on



Tyrone Ave., they could see that the smoke was getting darker and the emergency was getting more apparent. The officers used the police vehicle to stop traffic so that the Fire Department could have clear access to the fire location. The officers then proceeded on foot to the fire location to assist with evacuations. They observed a garage that was converted into a living space completely engulfed with fire. The officers entered the primary residence and evacuated five adults and led them to the sidewalk. Officer Demerjian obtained information that an uncle who was mentally ill was still inside the residence and was injured. Sgt. Cueto entered the primary residence and attempted to look for the victim. They

who left us to be the Public Information Officer at Media Relations. Good times and good food were had by all at Barone's Restaurant. Lt. Horvatich was recognized by the group with a commemorative plaque and mug. Lieutenant, you will be missed by your friends here at Van Nuys.

Ins-N-Outs

Leaving: Sgt. II R. Evans, #31289 (to PSB); Sgt. II C. O'Donnell, #32115 (to CTD); Sgt. I D. Brounsten, #30549 (to MISN); Det. II A. Smith, #33583 (to AD); PII B. Goodkin, #37039 (to HWD); PII J. McDowell, #36994 (to RAMP); PII N. Ortega, #37052 (WVAL); Srclktyp J. Medina, #V8477.

searched the house for the victim with negative results. Sgt. Cueto told the Fire Department that there was still one unaccounted person and both Sgt. Cueto and Officer Demerjian went back inside the residence. In the rear bedroom, there was a small closet door that appeared to be converted into a bathroom. Demerjian checked the door and it was locked from the inside. Due to exigent circumstances, Demerjian kicked in the door and broke out the center wood panel. He was then able to reach in and unlock the door. Both officers observed a man sitting on the floor, naked, in shock with a blank stare on his face. It was obvious to both officers that the man was badly burnt and in great pain. Sgt. Cueto exited the bedroom and immediately advised the Fire Department. L.A. City Fire Department paramedics SA#1178, RG#7383, immediately removed the victim and transported him to the Grossman Burn Center in critical condition. Unfortunately, the victim later succumbed to his injuries, but these officers provided him with the best chance of survival.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Officer Brenda (Hinrichs) and Officer Lucas Hamilton on their wedding day that took place in Burbank on November 13, 2004. We



wish you both the very best in your new life together!

Retirement Party

Get your tickets for the three-for-retirement party honoring Robert Denton, #15911, James Rigney, #13795, and Thomas Bibbs, #15101. The party is on March 5 at Encino Glen located at 16821 Burbank Blvd. The cost is \$30 per person which includes dinner, tax, tip and gift. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Don't miss out!

Goodbye Luncheon

On January 6, numerous Van Nuys personnel got together for a goodbye luncheon honoring Lt. Yana "Trana" Horvatich



by Jack H. Schonely
Air Support Division

Add Chappell to the TFO Ranks

Our newest Tactical Flight Officer has completed training and received his wings. Officer Jason Chappell came to us from Van Nuys Division eager and ready to learn. I bumped into him at a grocery store a few weeks before his loan



photo by Glenn Grossman
Jason Chappell and Captain Tom Runyen.



photo by Glenn Grossman
Left to right: TFO Training Pilot Rick Alatorre, New TFO Jason Chappell, and Chief TFO Jaime Marin.

to ASD, and I could tell by his questions that he was taking this challenge seriously. He has faced this incredible challenge with professionalism and dedication.

Jason's friends, family, and fellow officers joined him for his wings ceremony. He completed his final check ride with TFO Training Pilot Rick Alatorre and Chief Tactical Flight Officer Jaime Marin.

Congratulations, Jason. Welcome to Air Support Division.

ASD Tip of the Month

Going code 6 on a traffic stop, ped stop, or citizen flag down is a very routine function of a day on patrol. Being specific and accurate on your location is very important to your safety. When everything goes smoothly, it never makes a difference, but when things go sideways, the location that you broadcasted could mean the difference between help getting to you or not finding you. This is particularly important to air crews because we are oftentimes the first to arrive to the scene.

Two examples of this come to mind. The first is a unit that goes code 6 at "First and Main." What corner are you on? Are you actually 50 or even 100 yards east of Main? If you put out a help call, all of your fellow officers are going to respond to the location you went code 6 at. A TFO wants to be effective on the first orbit. If they know on what corner to look for you, that helps them to locate you quickly and assist you with the situation. Many times an air crew will arrive overhead and spend several orbits just trying to find the officers because they were not at their code 6 locations. Even a half a block can delay being located, especially if you are in foot pursuit. Take the time to be specific with your code 6 locations. "I am code 6 at First and Main northeast corner."

The second scenario is accuracy. Two things can happen with accuracy. You put yourself code 6 on 51st Street when you are actually on 52nd Street or you broadcast the correct location and communications types in and rebroadcasts an incorrect location. Both of these accuracy errors occur and have the potential to negatively affect your safety. Partners should double check each other on the accuracy of the location broadcasted and then take a moment to listen to what location is repeated by control. If it is not correct, fix it right away for your safety.

This small tactic makes a big difference to all of us at ASD. We are here to support all of you and to help keep you safe. Remember, switch the toggle to A when you are talking to an air unit on Simplex. Always watch your six. ♦

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by Eugene "The Taxman" Bedolla
Pacific Division

Greetings Amigos!

Can you believe it's already March. To all those hard-working Department employees who seem to be constantly bombarded by deadline after deadline, I feel your pain. Please don't forget the most important non-Department deadline which falls once a year on April 15.

Sports

Baker to Vegas: Once again, Pacific Area will field a highly motivated, super

LAPD Super Bowl Flag Football Championship Game. Our gridiron stars pummeled, rampaged, overran, and gently outscored all comers to arrive at the championship game with a record of 8-0. Our brother officers at Southeast Area, also with a record of 8-0, were the only obstacle standing in the way of our boys receiving a gold-plated, diamond encrusted championship ring. However, if you saw the movie, "Friday Night Lights," you understand that not all journeys have a storybook ending. I'm not here to make any excuses, but Pacific Area was fielding a team that was several key players short. But, as they say, that's life in the big city. We congratulate Southeast Area for taking the crown with a nail-biting 22-18 victory.

Past Holiday Memories

Pacific Area held a very special holiday celebration this past December. All attending were well fed, well entertained and some left with randomly selected treasures like "big screen" televisions,



Pacific Area senior lead officers.

dedicated, second to none, 2005 Baker to Vegas running team. Under the tutelage of Officer Jerry Bautista and Sgt. Chris Costy, I have solid intelligence that the team will put up some good numbers this year. Memo to all non-Pacific Area runners, don't be surprised if the footsteps you hear coming up from behind belong to a Pacific Area speedster.

Flag Football: At the time of this writing, the Super Bowl involving the Patriots and Eagles had yet to be played. However, Pacific Area was involved in the 2005



Pacific Area Santa sleigh.

vacation trips to far away, exotic locations, and everyone's favorite—cash. Although no one attending will probably be invited to audition as a dancer on American Idol, that didn't stop the revelers from dancing the night away.

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Here's a Jeopardy sit sim. The "answer" is: A black-and-white Santa Sleigh with a forward facing red light. If you're sharp, you would buzz in with, "What Santa Claus would use to pull me over if I was speeding on Christmas Eve?" See the photos of a Santa sleigh built by Pacific Area Officer Heidi Llanes and her husband, Officer Pete Llanes. The sleigh was flown through various streets within the division with St. Nick at the controls to brighten the season for the children we serve.



Sgt. Egon Keil "a.k.a. batman" at home in Samoa.

Sgt. II Michael Carodine. I wholeheartedly support this decision. I know I shouldn't taint this well deserved recognition, but Sgt. Carodine does have one flaw. You see, Sgt. Carodine, despite repeated attempts to convince him of the truth with regards to which college school has the finest football team, continues to blindly support teams from the state of Florida. The Department likes to use the phrase, "Knew or should have known." Well, Sgt. Carodine "knew or should have known" that the best college team is located in Southwest Area. Oh, by the way, the wise Sgt. II who came up with the idea to recognize a Supervisor of the Year was, yes, you guessed it, Sgt. II Michael Carodine.

Finally, don't forget your fellow brother and sister officers who are sick, ill or injured. Give them a call and spread some cheer their way.



by Officer Mark L. Horton
Recruitment Division

She's Sugar & Spice

Congratulations to P II Officer Cissell-Day, #33455, of Recruitment Section and



*She's
Sugar & Spice*
Elyse Lyndrell Day
November 16, 2004
8 lbs, 8 oz.
21 1/2 inches

her husband, P II Eldred Day, #30990, of Metro, on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Elyse Lyndrell Day, who was born November 16, 2004. She weighed in at 8 lbs, 8 oz. and was 21 inches. You go, girl!

At Theaters Near You

As was mentioned in the December, 2004, *Blue Line*, Recruitment Section spent some quality time contributing to the success of three movie vignettes. The filming may be seen in 15 additional

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77th All-American Division

by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

70 is Just a Number

Thursday, January 27, 2005, was the date that was set aside to take our very own D.C. Webb by surprise and celebrate his being a part of our life. On January 31, D.C. turned 70 years old, but we could not pull it off on that date.

Being the dedicated detective that he is, we knew he would somehow figure it out, and we wanted to have the upper hand on this one. So under the guided direction of Lt. Evangelyn Nathan, this party was pulled off. Detectives Tina Villalobos, Norma Zamora, Don Mauk and John Ayala made it happen and became one great surprise.

When the day arrived,



Douglas C. Webb, #14593, was closely monitored by his partner, Jerry Moya. Jerry followed him like a felony suspect. As Jerry monitored his activity upstairs, the magic began downstairs with deliveries of food, decorations being set up and arrivals of special guests. After special guests arrived, Jerry proceeded to take him to lunch as part of the plan. Then the phone call came and they were to return to 77th Street per Lt. Nathan.

Upon entering the Community Room, D.C. was greeted by friends and family giving their best rendition of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." We got you, D.C., and it was an awesome moment to



After all the presentations, lunch was served, wonderfully catered and ended with a spectacular cake thanks to our very own Gale Shallowhorn.

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by Sgt. Stephanie Krajcir
West Traffic Division

Ins and Outs

We love it here so much no one leaves. However, we needed to fill a night watch field supervisor spot so WTD welcomes Sgt. Hwang from CTD.

Congratulations to Our Future Motor Cops

Orals were held for the two-wheeled motorcycle list and WTD filled 20 spots on the new eligibility list. Congrats to Victor Islas with a perfect score of 100%. Right behind him was Kevin Payne, David Chung, Victor Medrano, Mike McGann, Mike Tomelloso, Galaxy DeAnda, Robian Tango, Bill Munoz, Osvaldo Castillo, Frank Albarran, and Todd Carpenter, all scoring above 90%. Filling out the rest of the list was Tom Gracey, Ray "L.A. Ray" Jeter, Jorge Arellano, Pete Acosta, Robert Fuller, and Tony Reitz. Great job to everyone. Y'all

make fine BCMCs!

Employee of the Quarter

Todd Carpenter has been selected as WTD's Employee of the Third Quarter (2004). Todd has been at WTD since 1998 and has worked CI and since 9/03 has been a squad leader for our elite Directed Enforcement Team (DET). This assignment suits him perfectly with his gang enforcement, excellent patrol tactics, and crime suppression background. One example was a "simple" traffic stop that led to an arrest of a robbery suspect and the recovery of a weapon that was used in over 15 211s in the Hollywood/Wilshire area. Great job, Todd!

It's Another Retirement!

Yes unfortunately we are losing another valuable employee. Denny Huddleston, #17701, has decided to retire and enjoy the life of a free (and hopefully rich) man! Denny was appointed to the LAPD in 1972, worked CI for many years until he took the plunge and became a big city motor cop. He has been at WTD since 1984 and finally gave up his bike two years ago to take a P III spot as our Photo Red Light coordinator. His big shebang will be April 1 (yes, that's right, April Fool's Day) at the Academy lounge. Come join us for a great dinner and a big send-off. Contact WTD CTSU or the W/C office. ❖

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Following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, record numbers of Department employees have been called to active duty in the United States Armed Forces Guard and Reserve. In addition to performing the military duties that they were activated for, many Los Angeles Police Department employees have either been asked or volunteered their unique police training, knowledge and contacts to enhance the military's ability to accomplish other vital missions requiring police expertise. The U.S. military has been tasked with rebuilding the devastated Iraqi Police Services and at this time is attempting to do so with little or no federal funding. As they attempt to rectify this fiscal issue, the military turned to United States municipal police forces for immediate help. On that note, several months ago Newton Division Police Officer Philip Karle, a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps Reserves serving on extended active duty, contacted the Military Liaison Officer for assistance. Col. Karle was tasked with locating and acquiring serviceable police equipment that the Marines badly needed to help accomplish their new mission of training and equipping the reestablished Iraqi Police Services. Col. Karle's call was received early in the morning and by 0830 hours it was established that the Department was sitting on approximately 2,000 surplus expired "shelf life" ballistic vests. However, the vests were slated to be transported for destruction the following day. Working as a team, the Military Liaison Officer and Col. Karle set out to stop the scheduled demise of these once again valuable life-saving vests by obtaining a Department pardon and confirming the Marines' desire to take possession of the vests. By 1600 hours the same day, Police Administrator I Laura Filatoff, Commanding Officer, Fiscal Operations Division (FOD) responded to the Marine Commander in Doha, Qatar, with a conformation to provide eight pallets of surplus vests, pending proper city/Department authorization. At the direction of Ms. Filatoff, the vests were saved from the "chopping block" and placed in a holding pattern. As strange as it may sound, it turns out that this was the easiest part of this odyssey. Before all the obstacles were overcome, several months had passed, there were mounds of paperwork and the involvement of countless high-ranking officials from the Department, the city, and the U.S. Marines from around the world and even a few Iraqi generals. The main issues involved obtaining the proper authority to release city/Department controlled

property to a non-city of Los Angeles entity and the drafting and proper signing of a "Hold Harmless" agreement. On the city side, these tasks were facilitated through a total team effort by the Department, Police Commission, City Council, City Attorney and the Mayor. Although while not a perfect execution of city government in action, the mission was accomplished and the life-saving vests were turned over to the Marines in two deliveries. First Marine Expeditionary Force (I-MEF) Marines picked up the final pallet of vests at Supply Section on February 2, 2005 with little fanfare. The best part of this story is that much was learned along the way and an open dialog has been established, streamlining this process for future donations of Department equipment to the United States Armed Forces. At this time, Councilman Dennis Zine, 3rd Council District, is introducing a motion to donate several thousand Department ballistic helmets to the I-MEF for delivery to the fledgling Iraqi Police Services that the Marines are still responsible for training and equipping.

This number is no longer in service! I want to start out this article with a retraction of sorts and provide additional information on the topic involved. In my January 2005 article, I responded to an officer's request for an LAPD "toll free" number that employees serving on active military duty throughout the continental United States could use for "official" Department business. I located a number

two avenues, either an "800"-type number or a "call collect" number that would then transfer the caller to the city/Department number needed. At the time this article was written, the problem had not been resolved, but I wanted to clarify the number that I had previously provided. That number (800-439-2909) does not work nationwide as reported, but can still assist those employees within the counties that surround the city of Los Angeles. Please watch this column for updates on this important and developing issue.

What kind of an order is that?

Recently I have been asked several times as to what pay and benefits certain military orders qualifies the employee for. The outstanding salary and benefits package that the City Council passed and has amended several times *only* applies to certain military activations involving specified "operations." You must be careful which military activations you volunteer for or accept (to the best of your abilities) and understand the ramifications of the orders you receive. At this time, the only military activation orders that *clearly* qualify for the enhanced and extended benefits such as "differential pay" are orders that state: Presidential Recall, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. At this time, the above operations are clearly recognized by the City Controller and the Department's FOD as "authorized" military activation for city enhanced benefits. New operations may only be added through amendments to City Ordinance No. 174264, signed by the Mayor on October 15, 2001. City Ordinance No. 174264 is the ordinance that authorizes the City Controller to offer the enhanced pay and continued city benefits. A couple of issues that have recently surfaced are military activation for "tsunami relief efforts" and "Homeland Defense - Force Protection." Both the supervisors at FOD and the Military Liaison Officer have been in contact with the City Controller and members of



Sgt. Brandon Valdez, USMCR, in Mrs. Allison Burton's 1st grade class, room #5, Merlinda Elementary School, West Covina Unified School District.

and even personally tested it before publishing it. However, I later learned that the 800 number had a geographic limitation to the surrounding counties of the Los Angeles areas. Now I am 47 years old and have been around the world, but I never realized that an 800 number could have "long distance" restrictions. Before I give you an update, please accept my apology. Once I realized the number provided would not work throughout the country, I went in search of a number that would fulfill this need. After about a dozen calls to as many city and Department entities, I learned that such a number doesn't exist or at least that anyone could attest to. The good news is that I did recruit the help of some important Department supervisors, one of which is the Assistant Commanding Officer of Information & Communications Services Bureau (ICSB), Peter Di Carlo. Mr. Di Carlo agreed that in keeping with Chief Bratton's direction to provide the best possible services and benefits to our dedicated employees serving on active duty in the Armed Forces Guard and Reserve, that such a number would be appropriate. He tasked one of his best people with the job of solving this issue. They are pursuing



Vests for Iraq.

the City Council to inquire about enhancing the list of qualified operations. Only through such group efforts to continuously improve the pay and benefits package that our employees serving in the Guard and Reserves currently enjoy, will the Department be able to keep up with the ever-changing demands that the Department of Defense places on members of the Guard and Reserves. If you are not sure whether the military activation orders you received are covered by City Ordinance No. 174264, you should immediately contact FOD or the Military Liaison Officer. If your orders are not covered and nothing can be done immediately, at least you will go into the situation knowing what to expect and can make other arrangements to deal with the situation.

From the battlefield to the school-yard. Officer Brandon Valdez, Wilshire Division, is a Sergeant in the 2nd

Battalion 5th Marine Regiment, U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. Brandon, a former Marine and Presidential Guard, had completed his full military obligations but volunteered to reenter military service after the war in Iraq started. Brandon reported for active duty in June of 2004 and quickly found his way to a combat unit in Iraq. He had participated in many military convoys in hostile areas and helped repel numerous attacks. However, in mid-November during just such an operation in the town of Ramadi, Sergeant Valdez's convoy came under attack and his Humvee was struck by an Improvised explosive device. He was wounded in the blast and subsequent crash. He was "medivac'd" to Germany and is now back in California receiving follow-up treatment and convalescence for nerve damage to his arm. Prior to the above combat injury, Brandon had been corresponding with Mrs. Cheryl DeNoi (my wife), the Principal of Merlinda Elementary School, West Covina Unified School District. The teachers at Merlinda had requested my assistance in obtaining some names and military mailing addresses of personnel serving in Iraq and their permission to have the students write them. The school held a "Patriotic Day" and all 500-plus elementary students wrote letters and drew pictures for the soldiers. In this case Marines, Brandon and a group of his fellow Marines had agreed to exchange letters with the kids over the holidays. Just about the time the letters were to be mailed, news arrived about Brandon's injury and journey back to California. Cheryl pulled out the letters addressed to Sgt. Valdez and mailed the other letters to Iraq. New plans had to be made to deliver Brandon's holiday greetings. An opportunity arose when Brandon was invited to be Chief Bratton's guest at the Chief's holiday party. Cheryl personally presented the children's greetings to Brandon during the party. At that time, Brandon also accepted Cheryl's invitation to visit the school and meet the kids in person. On January 28, a cold and rainy day, Sgt. Valdez dressed in desert camouflage, reported for duty at Merlinda Elementary School. Escorted by both Cheryl and I, Brandon visited about 10 classrooms and fielded tough questions from students ranging in age from 6 to 11 years old. I am not sure which training Sgt. Valdez drew his energy from, but he held his own under heavy cross-examination and even accepted a challenge to a "push-up" contest. The students were pleased to have this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet a returned war veteran and hero. He received many positive

comments from students and teachers alike. Brandon is very humble about his military service, but I think both he and the kids came away feeling better about the war and all the news coming from the region.

Attention to orders: It is requested that each employee currently on active military duty or those anticipating activation provide the Military Liaison Officer with your correct Home of Record address and current military (FPO) mailing address and military e-mail accounts. It is further requested that you keep these addresses updated as necessary. The Military Liaison Officer needs this information to better serve you as the Department increasingly turns to the Military Liaison Program to communicate with our employees serving on active duty. You or your family member can provide this information to me via phone, fax, mail, or e-mail.

Sports beat

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

LAPD MX Team Concludes Fire/Police National Series at Glen Helen Raceway

by Kevin Korne

On October 4 and 5, the LAPD MX Team competed in the final rounds of the Fire & Police Motocross Nationals at Glen Helen Raceway. As no surprise to anyone who knows motocross, Glen Helen was its usual rough and rutted track that has given it the reputation of being one of the toughest tracks on the professional circuit.

The team had a great turnout with 19 LAPD MX team riders competing during the two-day event. As usual there were several of us who crashed at some time or

jumps in particular developed a hole near the top of the jump. Well, Jason Smith did not believe in taking the easier line. For example, jumping left or right of the hole. Jason doesn't remember much about the crash, as he was knocked silly. However, spectators recall seeing Jason flying over his bars with his feet over his head. Many might describe this position as the flying "W." Jason suffered a minor concussion and his broken collarbone. Now Jason's collarbone on his left side will match the one he had previously broken on his right. It just makes you want to ride, doesn't it?



another. Yours truly had a crash on the opening lap of the 4-stroke intermediate class. After having a great start and holding first place, a crash left me looking at everyone's roost as they flew by me. However, there is only one crash that was real memorable. During the races the faces of the jumps would get chewed up as race after race went by. One of these

All in all it was great! There's nothing better than being on the bike enjoying the camaraderie of fellow riders.

Upcoming race dates: 2005 Fire & Police Nationals at Glen Helen Raceway, May 2 & 3.

The team especially thanks its sponsors Troy Lee designs, FMF, Acerbis, Maxxis, N-style, DSP, 909, 661, Maxima,

Results From Rounds 4 & 5 of the Fire/Police MX National Series:			
NAME	CLASS	ROUND 4	ROUND 5
John Ashbaugh	40-49 Nov	12th	7th
Don Anderson	30-34 Nov	6th	1st
Shawn Anderson	30-34 Nov	4th	7th
	4st Nov	7th	
Art Avila	1st time Beg	1st	
Mark Buck	35-39 Beg	7th	
	40-49 Beg	1st	
Rob Cosner	30-39 Expert	2nd	
	18-29 Expert	1st	1st
Vic Curti	50+	2nd	
	2-stroke	5th	
Louie Estrella	50cc	4th	
Dan Hadfield	40-49 Inter	8th	
	4-stk Inter	9th	
Bruce Hoover	50+	3rd	
Rob Irvin	35-39 Beg	6th	
Kevin Korne	30-39 Inter	8th	
	4-stroke Int	8th	
Mike Kilpatrick	4-stroke Int	6th	
	30-39 Int		8th
Stuart Lomax	25-29 Nov	12th	
	30-34	10th	
Paul Menchaca	18-29 Int	8th	
	4-stk	7th	
	125/250 4stk	5th	
Sean Malachi	Quad		1st
Rob Plourde	40-49 Nov	5th	
Jason Smith	25-29 Beg	3rd	
	125/250 4stk	6th	
	4-stroke Beg		DNF
Kevin Standage	35-39 Beg	4th	2nd

IMS, Hinson, Smith, EVS, and LAPRAAC for their continued support to the LAPD MX team.

We are always seeking new riders to join LAPD's MX team. Whether you are a

first-time beginner or an experienced rider, come and join the team. For info, contact team captain Rob Cosner at CTD, (213) 972-2445, or Kevin Korne at (213) 6550 (Juvenile Narcotics).

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Sports beat

Centurions Transform Police Academy into Wonderland for Needy L.A. Children

The LAPD Centurions Baseball Team along with a host of local community-based organizations, churches, and caring volunteers spoiled approximately 2,000 of L.A.'s most disadvantaged children and their families at the 2nd Annual LAPD Holiday Experience and Toy Giveaway held at the Los Angeles Police Academy on Saturday, December 13, 2004. Event activities, which took place on the track field, featured a performance stage with live bands, two rock walls, a Dodgers On Wheels interactive game trailer, several interactive bouncers and booths, a free food court with hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, popcorn, and beverages, a U.S. Army Hummer, and several LAPD public safety displays, including the LAPD helicopter, Mobile II, SWAT, K-9, Mounted

Commission Vice President Alan Skobin, L.A. Police Commissioner Corina Alarcon, and R&B recording artist Jamie Jones.

A line as far as the eye could see formed starting at the Academy gym and going up the Academy road, as every child present was given a toy of his or her choice from



Top from left to right: Juan Soriano, Anthony Ochoa, Merrill Dunn, Chief William Bratton, Michael Scott, Mayor James Hahn, and Joe Broussard. Bottom from left to right: Jonathan Campbell, Cesar Corona, Luis Mota, Martin Mojarrro and Mike McComas.



the gymnasium filled with toys. The event was the third charitable event the Centurions put on in 2004. The Centurions not only care about making a difference in the lives of the children and community members in the city in which they work, they also have a #1 baseball team that competes in law enforcement tournaments held in various cities and states throughout the year. This year they will head

Units, Motorcycle Unit, and historic police vehicles. The LAPD Centurions Baseball Team interacted with the large crowd at their booth and gave away gifts and coloring books donated by the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation.

LAPD Chief William Bratton and his lovely wife, along with L.A. Mayor James Hahn, took time to walk around and greet everyone and speak at the event. The crowd of 2,000 erupted in cheers of excitement when an LAPD Motor Officer (Officer Bustamonte), two Mounted Horse Units, and the 1958 Chevy police vehicle with lights and sirens blaring, escorted special guests former Los Angeles Dodger great Lou Johnson, Santa Claus, and Mrs. Claus to the stage to greet the crowd.

Other special guests included Councilman Dennis Zine, Councilman Antonio Villaraigosa, Councilman Ed Reyes, L.A. Police Commission President David Cunningham, L.A. Police

to Arizona twice, Reno, Las Vegas, and San Diego. The Centurions have added some new talent to their already explosive lineup, and are always seeking officers who are serious about the sport.

For more information about the Centurions Baseball Team and their 2005 schedule of events, please contact Lt. Moss. Contact Officer Ernie Fischer for information regarding charity events, and contact Officer Michael Scott all currently working Devonshire Division at (818) 756-8285. ♦



L.A.P.D. Centurion Wrestling Team

The Centurion Wrestling Team is preparing for the 2004 Western States Police and Fire Games in Reno (July 2005) and the World Police & Fire Games in Canada (July 2005)

The Centurion Wrestling Team has become one of the premier athletic programs in public safety sports. The program has been successful at the State Games as well as securing medals at the International Games and World Police & Fire Games.

The Centurion Wrestling Team competes in the Olympic wrestling disciplines of Freestyle and Greco Roman. Our program is developmental and utilizes world-class coaches. We have transitioned numerous high school and college wrestlers into successful Olympic style wrestlers.

This season we are fielding three teams

30 and under (Open)

30 to 40 years old (Seniors)

40 and over (Masters). ***Note retired members are welcomed

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Practices will be located at East Los Angeles College (ELAC) located at 1301 Adventia Caesar Chavez in Monterey Park.

March 14th Monday & March 16th Wednesday 7-9 p.m. 2005 (drop-in format)

The College is located off the 60 Freeway. Exit Atlantic N/B to W/B Caesar Chavez. Parking at a day rate is located in the lot adjacent to the baseball field. The Wrestling room is located adjacent to the Gymnasium.

For more information contact
Officer Mark Mireles, West Valley Area, at 818.613.9263 (Team Manager)
Or
Mr. Ralph Valle 323.415.5300 (ELAC Wrestling Coach)

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LAPD INTRA DEPARTMENT BENCH PRESS CONTEST

MAY 13, 2005



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COMPETITION

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:
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IN THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS, SPORTS DEADLINES, MEETINGS AND GENERAL INFO AT LAPRAAC

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

March 2nd – B to V team captains meeting, 11:30-1:00, gym.
 March 5th – 6th Annual Cowboy Match, Academy Field, 8:00 a.m.
 April 4th – Softball season starts.
 April 23-24th – Baker to Vegas Run, Las Vegas.
 May 11-12th – Bench Press weigh-ins, Academy gym only.
 May 13th – Bench Press Competition, 9:00-3:00.
 June 18th – Memorial Run (location TBD).
 June 26-July 6th – World Games, Quebec, Canada.
 July 23-31st – Western States Games, Reno, Nevada.
 October 12-13th – Bench Press weigh-ins, Academy gym only.
 October 14th – Bench Press Competition, 9:00-3:00.
 November 18th – 52nd Annual Sports Awards.

General Info

Get weekly updates on schedules, changes, and any pertinent info by calling the Wins Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.
 Nike gear is available at the LAPRAAC gift shop, LAPRAAC members get 20% retail price!
 Send articles and photos for Blue Line to Ruben Espalin at rdespalin@lapraac.com.
 For information on these items, contact Ruben Espalin at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219 or Josiah Segerquist at ext. 221.

The Peacemakers "Shoot it Out" at Pala

Four members of the "Peacemakers" attended a six-stage cowboy action shooting match at the Pala Range in San Diego County. Nearly 60 shooters started the match, which was hosted by the "Saddle Tramps" on January 16, 2005. The "Peacemakers" were represented by the team captain, Officer Stacey Mudgett (formerly Stacey Ewing) of Newton Division, retired LAPD Officers Larry Mudgett, Phil Harris, and Dick Salg.

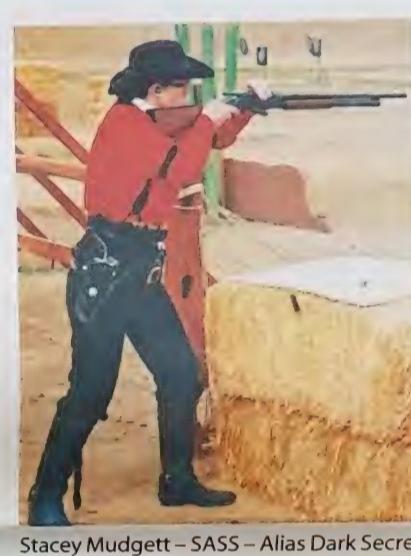
The match required participants to shoot 60 rifle, 60 pistol, and 34 shotgun targets. All of the targets were reactive steel, 44 of which had to be physically "knocked down" to be counted. Each shooter was ranked according to his or her speed, accuracy, ability to follow instructions, and above all safety. Excellent props and the match directors uncompromising adherence to safety enhanced the match.



Phil Harris – SASS – Alias Wells Fargo Phil.



Larry Mudgett – SASS – Alias Marshall Gunn.



Stacey Mudgett – SASS – Alias Dark Secret.

was 2nd overall and 1st in 49er class.

Each of the Peacemakers hand-loaded all of the ammunition they used in the match. All contestants were required to wear appropriate "cowboy" attire. All firearms used in the match were of the type popular in the late 1800s. Any officer interested in getting started in "Cowboy Action Shooting" contact Officer Stacey Mudgett at Newton Division.

BAKER TO VEGAS CHALLENGE CUP RELAY RACE 2005

Motor Team – Baker to Vegas Motors (Riders) Needed

On April 23 & 24, the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club will be sponsoring the 21st annual running relay event. The Motor Team supports the event by supplying skilled motorcycle riders who serve as race officials.

The function includes enforcement of race rules and regulations related to race and traffic safety. Motorcycles are required to have 4-way flashers, with Family Radio Service (FRS) 2-way radio capability. (A \$50 per diem covers the general FRS cost. FRS is simple to obtain.)

Licensed Amateur Radios are a real plus.

Those individuals, both sworn and non-sworn, who would like to assist in covering Motor Team assignments for the event are encouraged to contact us for further details on equipment and assignments available, plus per diem provision.

**Motor Team Coordinator Gary Krystof (LAPD Reserve),
(818) 366-9431; motorteam@earthlink.net**

**Motor Team – Supervisor Arizona/Nevada Area
Dick Studdard (LAPD Retired),
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Sports beat

LAPRAAC Sports "Shorts"

by Ruben Espalin
Athletic Coordinator

Baker to Vegas is One Month Away

There is only one more meeting for Baker to Vegas. Don't miss this very important date. Race preparations are continuing at LAPRAAC with everyone gearing up and getting into "crazed" mode. For information on Baker to Vegas, please contact either Chuck Foote or Josiah Segerquist at (323) 221-5222, ext. 220 or 221.

Baker to Vegas web site can be linked from www.lapraac.com.

April 6 - team captains meeting at 11:30, Academy gym. See you in L.V.!

Note: We are in need of volunteers for the Baker to Vegas event. Please call Margo Espalin at (323) 221-5222, ext. 202 for details.

Intradepartmental Softball Season

The season begins April 4 with Rampart defending their title yet again. Can anyone defeat Nater and his "bash brothers"? Joe Oliveri and Charles Perry are ready to suit up to call the balls and strikes. Call Ruben or Josiah in the LAPRAAC athletic department for information.

A LEAGUE	W	L	MAKE-UPS
RAMP1	4	1	4
WEST L.A.	3	1	4
PSB	2	2	4
77TH	1	2	4
STD	1	3	4
PAB	1	3	3
B LEAGUE	W	L	MAKE-UPS
HOBK	7	0	3
RAMP3	6	1	3
FTHL	4	3	3
METRO1	3	2	5
SWEST3	3	3	4
SEAST2	2	4	4
NEWT1	1	6	3
PAC	0	7	3
C LEAGUE	W	L	MAKE-UPS
HWD	5	2	3
NHWD	5	2	3
SEAST2	5	2	3
WILSH2	4	2	4
NEAST1	3	3	4
C LEAGUE	W	L	MAKE-UPS
RAMP2	3	4	3
WTD	1	6	3
WILSH	0	5	5
C LEAGUE	W	L	MAKE-UPS
SWEST1	8	0	3
NEWT2	6	1	4
METRO2	6	1	4
WILSH3	5	3	3
SWEST2	4	4	3
DEV	4	4	3
IAG	3	5	3
CAPTS	2	4	5
CENT2	1	6	4
NEAST2	1	6	4
D LEAGUE	W	L	MAKE-UPS
CTD	4	1	3
STD	3	2	3
OWB	3	2	3
TRNG	3	2	3
OCVD	1	4	3
JUV	1	4	3

Intradepartmental Basketball

The basketball league has endured weather problems and leaky roofs but is nonetheless keeping on schedule with the season. Below are the standings so far. Make-ups will be added on to the end of the season.

Memorial Run Date Set

The date has been established for the Memorial Run for 2005, June 18. The location will be at the L.A. Police Academy. Parking will be available at Dodger Stadium, but unfortunately the run cannot go through the stadium. This event figures to be a strong event with many activities for the kids and adults alike. Look for flyers and info in the upcoming months.

World Games and Western States Games

Remember the dates for the World Games in Quebec are June 26 through July 6. Books are available in the Athletic Department.

The dates for the Western States Games in Reno is July 23-31.

World Games Web site is www.2005wpfg.org. Western States Web site is www.wspfg2005.org. Please call Ruben Espalin in the Athletic Department for further information.

Flag Football the Southeast Way

The flag football season came to a conclusion on January 15 and 16 at Cathedral High School. On Saturday (Wildcard Weekend), the boys in blue kicked it off with hard-fought games and playoff style



Hollenbeck 12.

That set up the showdown between undefeated Pacific and undefeated Southeast in the finals on Sunday. Neither team played each other during the season as their initial game was rained out and not rescheduled. The battle was close and the struggle was intense. Southeast prevailed 22 to Pacific 18. Congratulations to the new Intradepartmental football champ, Southeast!



attitudes keeping on the field. The results were as follows: 77th walkover over NE, Hollenbeck 20 defeated South Traffic 12, SE 12 defeated Rampart 8, Hollenbeck 28 defeated 77th 0, Pacific 30 defeated

Bench Press Roundtable Recap

The first-ever Bench Press Roundtable discussion was held at the L.A. Police

Academy on 1/28/05. This discussion was held to talk about the rules and regulations that pertain to the bi-annual event. Participants included the following: Chuck Gourley, Ret.; Sam Collela, Ret.; Matt Okubu, Lou Leiker, SOE; Paul von Lutzw, 77th; Bob Heredia, Anita Whited, Communications; Sam Arase, Per; Alexander Ortiz, HWD; Troy Collins, PRD, and staff members of LAPRAAC. The discussion was excellent with many good ideas being passed around the table. Look for more information on this subject in the next Blue Line.

Tickets Available at the Main LAPRAAC Office

Remember that discounted tickets are available for Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, etc. For a list of available attractions, visit the LAPRAAC office or call (323) 221-5222, ext. 201.

We Welcome Your Articles

Submitting an article for "Sports Shorts" is the best way to get sports-related information out to a wide range of active and retired LAPD personnel. (To be included, we must receive articles, via fax or e-mail, no less than three days before the end of the current month. E-mail articles to rdespalin@lapraac.com or fax to (323) 222-0629. Photos are welcome. ♦

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Retirement



news

The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.



by Dave Aikins

Greetings from the beautiful Central Coast. Spring is upon us and the coastal areas are green and lush. We received a whole lot of rain the last few months in California, and, unfortunately, as you know, the downpour caused a major disaster in the coastal community of La Conchita. As a result, we were actually isolated on the Central Coast for a few days as Highway 101, the main travel artery, was closed to both north and southbound traffic at La Conchita. With Interstate 5 closed at times due to the heavy snow at the Grapevine, we were stuck. Even Highway 166 winding from Santa Maria to Interstate 5 was shut down. It made one realize how dependent we are to having open roads in order to carry on the business of living. Fortunately, the work crews did an outstanding job in clearing the highways as soon as possible.

So the road will be clear for you folks that want to attend the next Fuzz event. Our first luncheon this year will be at the Inn at Morro Bay in beautiful (you guessed

it) Morro Bay. This Fuzz activity is becoming a tradition as the scenery is gorgeous, the cuisine delightful, and the LAPD camaraderie the best one can ask for.

So my point is that it's an awesome place to come up and enjoy a super lunch, a beautiful environment and great LAPD fellowship. Morro Bay is a favorite stop-off place for tourists and locals alike. It offers the beauty of Morro Bay itself, featuring the famous Morro Bay Rock that towers above a serene lagoon below. The town includes the famous Embarcadero, featuring a variety of shops and restaurants. The Inn at Morro Bay is directly across from a beautiful 18-hole golf course and is within easy driving distance of beautiful Montana De Oro State Park. This park offers 8,000 acres of rugged cliffs, secluded beaches, coastal plains, streams, canyons and hills. It is just the place one has to visit to fully enjoy what California beaches offer.

So come on up and join us for a great time. The particulars are as follows:

Location: The Inn at Morro Bay, 60 State Park Rd., Morro Bay; Date: Thursday, March 17, 2005; Time: Social hour 11:00 a.m., lunch at noon; Cost: \$15 per person for LAPD members and family, \$20 per person for invited guests.

Information: For information and reservations, contact Paul & Stella Mattson, (805) 929-0520 or Jeff & Melissa Watkins, (805) 489-4953.

We had a sad incident involving one of our Fuzz members. In the past I mentioned that Gerd & Nancy Konieczny owned and operated a large deer farm up in San Miguel, north of Paso Robles. Gerd and Nancy have worked hard to make this



Nancy and Gerd Konieczny.

cannot survive in the wild and members of the Department of State Fish and Game will have to hunt them down and destroy them as they are not considered a natural species in the area. Gerd was able to recover some of them, but it was a major blow to his business. The local San Luis Obispo Tribune newspaper wrote an editorial, supporting Gerd and his business and denouncing the despicable acts of these environmental terrorists, calling themselves the Animal Liberation Front. We support Gerd and Nancy as they deal with this issue and pray for them at this critical time. A \$1,000 reward has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of these suspects.

We have a few folks recovering from medical issues. These include Gerd Konieczny, Tom Swinger, Clinton Erickson and Warren Sizoo. Get well, guys. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

Take care and stay healthy. Catch us at pismoguylngal@charter.net. KMA. ♦

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PACKAGE: Three days, two nights; hospitality room (hosted bar, snacks, and lunch); raffle tickets; hotel/casino discount coupon book; show tickets for two; and sit-down dinner. Dress: Casual.

CUTOFF DATE: May 1, 2005

INFORMATION, CALL:

Al Fried, (702) 269-7627

Bob Carleton, (928) 680-4308

Rolph Lucke, (909) 597-1653

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Call Dick McCutcheon, (702) 260-3939 for information.

Retirement news

Old Blue Running Team

by Mike McKean

Our first run for the 2005 year was held on January 2, 2005, at the usual location. Once again the weather was with us. Despite all the rain, we were able to run in dry weather. It was a little cool but once the runners got going they were fine.

We had an excellent turnout for the second day of the new year. The captains, Mel Sandvig and Chuck McTaggart, were there. The runners were led by Steve Keyser followed by Bruce Hoover, Lynn McTaggart, and all the way from Reno, Nevada, Ron McCall. A guest runner, Dan Keyser, was chasing his brother during the run.

After the run we adjourned to our favorite diner for breakfast. Ron McCall

explained to us the difference between wet and dry cold. He said he is now very good at shoveling snow and that he would be glad to assist anyone in the Reno, Minden, Lake Tahoe area as long as it is a dry cold.

Our final runs are scheduled for March 6, 2005 and April 3, 2005 (Daylight Savings begins), at the usual place in Griffith Park behind the Park Ranger's Headquarters. We could use some new runners and additional support personnel. We have lost a couple of runners from last year's team and we are willing to sign any free agents for a great deal of money. Support personnel are also welcome.

If you have any questions about the race regarding leg descriptions, hotels, meeting minutes, etc., try the official Web site at www.bakervegas.com.

Thanks. Mike McKean. ♦

LAPD CENTRAL DIVISION REUNION

WHEN: July 17 and 18 (Sunday and Monday), 2005
WHERE: Flamingo Laughlin
 1900 S. Casino Dr., Laughlin, NV 89029
 Arizona Tower 2nd Floor
 Macaw II Room, Host Bar
TIME: Beginning Sunday, 7/17/05 at 4:00 p.m.
FOR RESERVATIONS: 1-800-662-5825. Reference Group Code: SLLAP05 when booking reservations.
ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS: Sunday – Thursday rate is \$19 per room*. Friday – Saturday rate is \$39 per room*.
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FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT: Bill Malin, (760) 574-2208 or Jerry Wyatt, (928) 763-6531. ♦

Dates to Remember

		MARCH	Event Time/ Social	Meal
March 5	Robert Denton, James Rigney, Thomas Bibbs	1800	1900	
March 5	Joseph "Jody" Gryder	1900	1930	
March 10	S.A.B.L.A.	1100	1200	
March 12	Memorial Motorcycle Ride for Officer Ricardo Lizarraga at Laidlaw Harley, Baldwin Park	0800		
March 16	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1200	
March 17	Fuzz that Wuzz Luncheon	1100	1200	
March 29	LAPPL College Fair at Academy Gym	0930 - 1430		
March 30	Dennis Cicioni	1100		
		APRIL		
April 1	Denny Huddleston	1800	1900	
April 14	Edward Purcell	1800	1900	
April 14	S.A.B.L.A.	1100	1200	
April 20	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1200	
April 23-24	Baker-to-Vegas Relay Race			
April 27	Inland Blue Line	1030		

22nd Annual Christmas Classic Golf Tournament

by Sgt. Bill Florez (Retired)

On Monday, November 8, 2004, the 22nd Annual Christmas Classic Golf Tournament was held in Laughlin, Nevada, Bullhead City, Arizona. This charity golf tournament is coordinated by Det. Joe Myers and the proceeds are

Santa Joe and his many elves.

Thanks to Officers Ray & Vic Sua, Det. III Diane & Keith Anderson, Rick & the Simi Valley Boys, Jerry Nelson & Pete Schmidt, Glendale Elks and the Bullhead City Elks, former LAPPL Directors Ron Aguilar and Dave Zeigler showed up, chauffeured by Larry Garcia.



donated to a law enforcement family that are dealing with a life-threatening illness or injury during the holidays. Due to the tremendous efforts of Joe and his many friends, thousands of dollars have been donated to a worthy family over the years. The true beneficiaries are the children who under adverse conditions have had their holidays made a little brighter due to

Dates to remember: the 23rd Annual Christmas Classic in the first week of November, 2005, and the 9th Annual Rampart Reunion, the first week of August, 2005. Both of these events are in Laughlin, Nevada. Contact Joe Myers or Ron Aguilar for additional details. Happy New Year! ♦

METRO REUNION

Remember when Jack Jones and Pete Clements used to cook a pig in the ground back in the early '70s? Well they want to do it again, like we did it in the good old days.

WHEN: Late June, 2005
DATE: June 24, 2005, 5:00 p.m.
WHERE: Same Place, Police Academy Picnic Grounds

If interested, please contact Richard Borowski, Metro, 1969-1974, Retired LAFD at (805) 496-8416. Ladies are welcome! ♦

77th Street Reunion SAVE THE DATE

**Friday - June 10, 2005
Noon to Dark**

Harbor Range - San Pedro

BBQ, Drinks, Hats, Shirts, Mugs, Group Photo

More details to follow.

Contact info:
 77th Station
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Inland Blue Line

by Stan Kensic

Our January meeting, held at the Anchor Restaurant in Hemet, was well attended with 83 retirees and their guests. Jerry Dotson did a good job of kicking the meeting off with a prayer, something we always can use at our age. My old friend, John Lejuwaan, who I hadn't seen in about 20 years, got tagged for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our guest speaker, Quint Villanueva, did a superb job of entertaining us as well as informing us of the history of the LAPD Historical Museum. I for one was not aware of how the organization was founded and all the hard work that has gone into making it a success. I always wondered how they got possession of the old Highland Park Station. It's only natural that the old station would be popular with the movie studios as a period setting. Once again, I want to thank Quint for coming in from the Palm Springs area. I noticed that he did enjoy meeting with his old friends and reminiscing about the good old days. He brought me up to date on some of his activities after LAPD retirement. I was impressed with his involvement in the President Reagan and first George Bush campaigns.

I want to thank those of you who helped make this event go smoothly as usual. Roger Williams and Bill Frommling strong-armed everyone at the door and nailed them for their dues and for the drawing money. Don Floyd gets the credit for arranging for our guest speaker. I also want to give a big thank you to Vic Nilsen, our newly appointed entertainment director. Vic came up with the

idea of the serial number drawing which makes the event a touch more interesting. The first drawing was won by Marty (Leo) Schlocker who graciously donated it back to the club. What a guy! Once again, Marty thanks for helping to keep the organization going. The other door prize was won by Gourney Turner, oldest serial number at the party. Quint and Gourney were heard exchanging remarks about their days in serving on the Police Protective League.

George Surber managed to make the meeting with the assistance of his daughter Sandra. George reminded us that the 77th Street Reunion is coming up this June and that the usual hotel site has been sold and will be made into condominiums. The arrangements for a new location are being worked. Mary and Ernest Neuman, retired 1969 from Air Support, came in from Gig Harbor, Washington. What dedication. I got a call from Larry Walton who lives in Utopia, Texas, and he says he'll be at the next meeting. I checked MapQuest to determine if Utopia is further than Gig Harbor. They are close — Gig Harbor is 1,197 miles and Utopia is 1,260 miles. That is a lot of driving.

Others who had a chance to break bread with their former partners and LAPD friends were Ellsworth Haberman and his Lena, Mel Glenn, Jeff Fedrizzi, my old classmate Howard Hughie, Sam Johnson who we learned is getting married to Trish Keheve, Jim MacArthur, Chet Klemens, Frosty Neimeyer, Bud Oliver, Petrys Pete, Bob and Diana Pratt, Jim Pathe and his friend Gislinde, Mack Rhodes, Wayne and Gwendolyn Ridders, Bob Rock, Al Trembley, Jim and



Quint gets his reward for entertaining us



Arlene Salagi, Leroy Smith, Gerald Stoneking who recently moved to the Hemet area, Sid Stoffel, Gary Smith, Stan Smith, Lloyd Tucker, Don Tucker, Louie Trujillo, Wally Talent, Dean Warner, Bill Feliz,



Marty donates his winnings to the Club

Henry Weldon, John and Pat Trojanowski, C. Hilton and wife, C. K. Williams, Larry Staub, Walter Boronich and Marion Yates, Don Miller, William and Virginia Davies, Austin and Anita Fernald, Don MacLennan, Fred Riscen, Gerald Moe, Gil Lout, Robert Werner, Phil Harris, Marco Tenorio and Bobby Wheelis. If I missed anyone, I apologize.

Planning for the next Inland Blue Line meeting has begun. I was able to contact Mike Monteleone, owner of Monteleone Meadows, for us to stage a good old fashioned LAPD steak fry. The facility is located between Winchester and Temecula off of Winchester Road. Mike is a Riverside Sheriff Captain and has

promised to give us a good police discount. He has even promised to throw in a keg of beer as well as the usual beverage fare. As I have stated in past meetings, this is a very nice facility with an atmosphere similar to our Police Academy. I will send out a map with the newsletter. The date is April 27 at 10:30 a.m.

The informal monthly meeting at the Country

Garden Restaurant located in "Old Town" Temecula next to the Ramada Inn at 29000 Old Town Front Street, #A, continues to grow. The Temecula Breakfast Bunch meets at 9:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month and share old and new war stories. At the December meeting, Vic Nilsen suggested that we kick in a buck or two and draw serial numbers. Wouldn't you know it, he let Roger Williams draw the number and who do you think won the pot? Roger, no less. Roger, you're being watched from now on. Eddie Watkins is a Hunter Safety Instructor and wants all to know that he will be teaching a hunting safety course at the Murrieta Police Station for anyone interested. Call or e-mail me for further information.

Remember folks, if you have any newsworthy items that you'd like to share, e-mail me at usc76@earthlink.net or call me at (951) 696-1971 so I can post them in the *Inland Blue Line* column.

Until next time, keep safe and enjoy retirement. ♦

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next meeting will be on March 16, 2005 at "The Lamplighter" restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. We meet every month on the third Wednesday in the bar/lounge area of the restaurant. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 a.m. Coffee is available until orders are taken. All LAPD officers, wives/friends (active or retired) are welcome to attend. We have no membership dues and time is spent renewing friendships and reminiscing.

We had 32 attending the January 19 luncheon. The following attended: Genie Baker, Ted Debs (6808), Earnie (3918) and Sylvia Dicken, Emmett Drennen (3279), Ray Elmer (5607), Clinton Erickson (5608), Bill Fedderson (4823), Colleen Grogan, John W. Grogan (11852), Fred Hall (4967), John Knepper (10674), Dean Knouse (6057), Jim Langsam (11406), Tom Lindholm (4734), Bud Long (6680), Fred Lopez (21331), Boris Meneghelli (3522), Paul

Nicholas (4047), Ray Palaszewski (6934), Dale Rickards (3593), Duane (Whitey) Ryburn (3981), J. R. Schiller (10992), Bob Sinclair (7664), Barbara and Ted (7737) Sprull, Stu Stremsterfer (4394), Jim Trax, (6185), Dean Warner (5682), Dick Weaver (11181), Hal Yarnell (3682), and Vi Zumel. There were four new attendees this month: Colleen Grogan, John Knepper from Pennsylvania, Ike Langsam, and Fred Lopez. Bud Long last attended in January of 2003 and Fred Hall in September, 2003.

I know there are a lot of you that worked in the Valley and live in this area and hope you will come and join your old friends for a great bull session. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters.

Our meeting information and attendees are on www.larfpa.com Web site. Hope to see some more new faces at the next meeting in February and if you don't remember the date, remember it is always the third Wednesday of each month. ♦

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Retirement news

Sacramento Area Blue Line Association (SABLA)

by Bernie Remas

Happy St. Patrick's Day & Happy Easter

This month we have two days of celebration! First we celebrate St. Patrick of Ireland, and a reminder of how Irish each of us can be on this day. And, the celebration of Easter, the end of Lent, and the Christian teachings of how Christ rose from the dead to lead his people.

And don't forget the fun "things" associated with these two days. For the "wearin' of the green," there's always green beer somewhere! And how many Easter "egg hunts" have you taken part in? C'mon, "lighten up" and have some fun!

We're starting to come out of the winter season, and our winter doldrums here in SABLAland. It's gonna take some doin', 'cause it has been a wet, cold and nasty winter! But for you "snow bunnies," and skiers and snowboarders, you'll be traveling to the High Sierras until Memorial Day. Still lots of snow!

Our January luncheon was sparsely attended, but we had two great speakers from the Gang Unit at the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office in Placerville. Now before you start about "gangs," we have ours, and you have yours. Okay? Yes, you have more, but we don't want anymore!

We have had one unfortunate incident in January where a U.S. Marine on leave from Camp Pendleton shot and killed a Sergeant of Police and wounded an officer from Ceres, Calif., just south of Modesto. The suspect, a Norcal gang member, was seeking sympathy from the community, because the gang had told the media he had just returned from combat duty in Iraq.

However, records at Camp Pendleton revealed that he had been a truck driver in Baghdad and never was in combat. The truth does help relieve some of the pain we experience doing police work, doesn't it?

At the luncheon, I sat with Jim Meskan from Rocklin! Jim was recently retired from working all of his jobs! He and his wife, Sue Ann, are building a 3,300-square-foot home over in Minden, Nevada. Jim tells me it should be finished the first of May, 2005. He had photos of the home, about 80% done! It's going to be a beauty! I told him about all the LAPD retirees in the Minden area and mentioned Hans Rollenhagen that I had seen at Kiser's picnic last September. Jim called me a few days later and went by to see Hans and found that he's only about a mile from Jim's new home! LAPD retirees are everywhere! Jim will be moving soon and those of us in SABLA will miss you, Jim! Take care and keep in touch.

I received an e-mail from Ed Slattery over in Parker, Arizona. He wanted to let us know why he missed the SABLA Christmas luncheon. He's usually in town for that festivity, but his wife, Marylou, had some back spasms, and so they stayed at home. Not to worry, Ed. We'll have plenty of luncheons in between, and another Christmas luncheon this year! So take note of all you! Where are you??

Lew Ritter and Chuck Blogin motored in from Roseville Sun City for the luncheon. As bleak as the weather was, both of them were lookin' good! How are you lookin'? Come by and see us! Jim Byrd brought a "good buddy" to lunch (you can too). Alex Young, a former professional hockey player, brought up the subject of the current NHL strike, lockout, whatever! Ed Lewandowski, formerly of Buffalo, N.Y., and a big hockey fan, joined

the discussion in support of his Buffalo Bruins. Both agreed that NHL hockey for this year looked mighty "slim" at January's luncheon.

Ed Lewandowski also brought our two speakers from the Sheriff's Office to tell us about the "gangs" in our area. Deputies Joe Ruelas and Carol Edwards brought a great slide show for us, plenty of information, plenty of "gang" caps, and other memorabilia that they put on display for all of us to see. Both are knowledgeable about gang activity all over the state. Gang activity is spreading everywhere, even in our quiet, reserved, upscale communities. How naïve we have become.

Richard Navarez brought a replica of "our" LAPD badge that is a phony! The weight even felt the same as ours, and the look was almost perfect. They were being sold to the public for \$5 each. Can you believe it? Richard's colleague in the International Police Association bought all of them, I believe in Texas somewhere, just to get them off the market. I wonder if that prompted the seller to have more made? I still need the details from Richard about an IPA activity that is going to be held this summer here in the Auburn-Roseville area. All of us are going to be invited. More details later.

Tony Baldassano missed the Christmas party due to a quadruple heart bypass operation the first part of December. He came through just fine. The testimonial for that was that he was at the January luncheon looking like as "normal" as can be! You'd never know he had surgery at all. He did emphasize that he did not have a heart attack before the surgery. About a month before he was walking with his wife, Carolyn, and suddenly felt pain from his shoulder down the arm to the hand. It lasted about five minutes. And naturally he didn't tell Carolyn or anybody else. Then Carolyn and he were at a friend's Christmas party in their home and he felt pressure in the center of his chest! It was then that Tony thought it might be time to go. Four bypasses later, he's looking at many more years!

I haven't seen this before, but we have our own "gang member"! Chuck Crawford was wearing a black baseball style cap with the following in white: L.A. Police - Motor Squad! Be he was wearing it straight ahead! Not sideways or backwards. Y'all know how those X-LAPD motor officers are, right? I believe he was sitting at the same table Dennis McDonald was seated, and Dennis didn't say anything about the cap. By the way, these guys were there. Where were you?

I believe that by the time you read this in March, Hoy Key and Wilma Laycock will be on their way to a "big trip" in China! This is supposed to be from the middle of March to the middle of April! I hope they take plenty of photos. They're visiting several of the capital cities, and will give us a recap of the events when they return!

Our "Prez" Joe Sandoval continues to arrange or bring guest speakers for you to enjoy. How about getting out of the house and come and see what you're missing? We'd like to hear from you and what you've been doing too!

The regular March monthly luncheon will be Thursday, March 10, 2005 at the Friends Restaurant, Highway 50 and Zinfandel, 1130 hours. Lunch at 1200. Get "outta" the house and bring your lady. It's before St. Patrick's Day! Wear some green!

Be good to each other out there. We need and love each and every one of you! ♦

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Serial No. 21264

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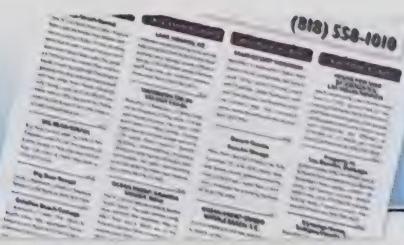
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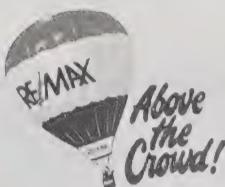
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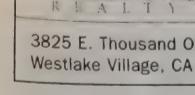
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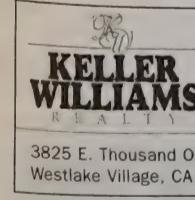
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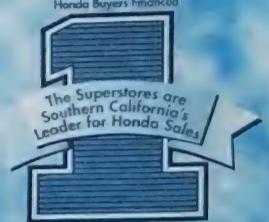
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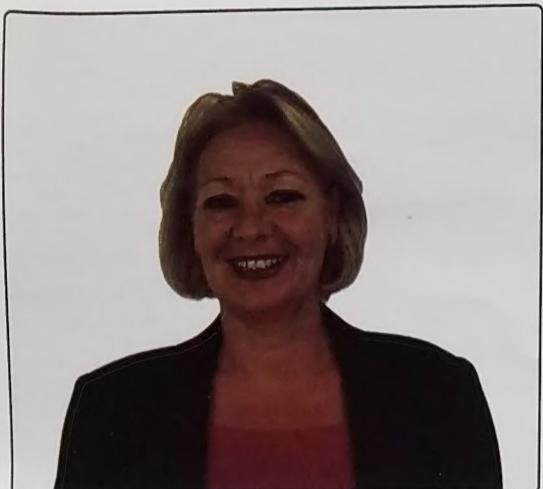
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